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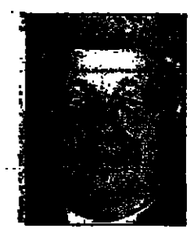

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Tories pledge to repay any tainted Nadir cash

■ Labour will maintain the pressure on the Conservatives over secret donations by calling a special Commons debate next week

BY SHEILA GUNN, ANGELA MACKAY AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

SIR Norman Fowler promised yesterday that the Conservative party would repay any money donated by the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir if it turned out to be stolen.

As the controversy over Mr Nadir's £440,000 contributions gathered pace, the Tory chairman also denied that his party accepted money from foreign governments, unknown sources or "with any strings attached".

Sir Norman was giving evidence to the Commons home affairs committee as Labour intensified the pressure on the Conservatives with a three-pronged assault on their attitude to political donations. John Smith proposed a new charter for political funding and called a special Commons debate on the issue for next Tuesday; Robin Cook demanded to know what action the government was taking against Mr Nadir's companies for failing to declare their donations; and John Spellar launched a parliamentary bill to regulate the funding of all parties.

At the same time, it emerged that the Crown was unlikely to receive any of the record £3.5 billion bail put up for Mr Nadir, who fled the country for Northern Cyprus while awaiting trial on theft charges involving £90 million.

A legal slip at the start of preparatory hearings could mean that two people who stood surety for Mr Nadir will not have to pay the £1.5 million they pledged, and the £2 million cash the businessman put up himself is also the subject of a legal dispute. Administrators of Polly Peck and a Turkish bank are both claiming that the money was theirs and not Mr Nadir's. If the High Court rules in favour of either party in two weeks' time, the government will lose the cash — at present being held by Mr Nadir's solicitors.

The Crown may also lose the bail money pledged by Mr Nadir's former wife, Aysegul, and Ramadan Guney because their sureties were not "retaken" when the case was transferred from Bow Street magistrates' court to the Old Bailey. In big fraud cases, the trial officially starts at the beginning of the preparatory hearings, unlike normal criminal cases when it starts with the swearing in of the jury. Because neither Mr Guney nor Mrs Nadir had their surety taken, they may not have to forfeit the money.

As the obstacles to the surrender of the bail money became apparent, Labour made clear that it had no intention of letting the issue rest. Mr Smith told a union conference in Humberside: "The scandal of mysterious political contributions is now a matter for serious public concern. The time is now long past for the Tories to seek to brush this issue under the carpet. They should be prepared to accept the open and honest standards which Labour proposes."

Asked by the select committee about the gifts from Mr Nadir's companies, Sir Norman said the party had received £440,000 over five years from 1985, when the Polly Peck business was regarded as a "leading and successful British company". He denied claims that donations totalling £1.5 million had been received from Mr Nadir or his companies, and pledged: "If it is proved that the money was stolen, clearly that money will be returned. We have absolutely no intention whatsoever of keeping money of that kind. It is not our policy to accept money of that nature."

Sir Norman defended the right for individuals to make donations to party funds without public disclosure, and said the Conservatives had very strict rules about accepting gifts.

John Spellar's bill to regulate the financing of political parties meanwhile won a formal first reading in the Commons, but it has no chance of becoming law. Mr Spellar, Labour MP for Warley West, said his bill would "expose the dark and sleazy world of Tory political finance".

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Cover shot: ball girls seek shelter from heavy rain that disrupted the women's tennis tournament at Eastbourne

Gay-killer tells police he will murder one victim a week

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE serial killer stalking London's gay community has telephoned police several times, on the last occasion to tell them that he had killed again and how they could find the body.

The discovery of the body confirmed to police that they were looking for a multiple killer attacking single or homosexual men. Five murders are believed to have been committed by one man, who told police in a telephone call that he would carry on killing at the rate of one a week until he was caught. He has murdered four times in the past four weeks.

Police received their latest telephone call on Tuesday, telling them to look for a body. Scotland Yard sources said yesterday. The caller suggested that it might be found at the scene of a fire in south London. As officers began to search the area, a landlady in Catford reported that one of her lodgers was dead.

Yesterday, with fear rippling through the homosexual community and as up to 100 officers joined one of London's biggest murder hunts, the victim was unofficially identified as Emanuel Spiteri, 41, a Maltese chef.

Detectives are now concerned that the killer could finally be covering his tracks. Police found signs of a fire in Mr Spiteri's bedsit and were trying to discover last night whether it had been caused deliberately.

The man first spoke to a newspaper after the death of his first victim in March: Peter Walker, a dance director, who died in his Battersea flat. When the man struck again, he started calling two or three London police stations and gave intimate details of the murders, which make detectives sure that he is the killer.

It was the calls which helped police to link the killings. The man told police that they should link them, but he has given no motive.

A Yard spokesman said yesterday: "We have received a large number of telephone calls at the various incident rooms, but it's true to say we have received a number of calls from one man which caused us concern."

Police believe he operates by picking up most of his victims at homosexual clubs or pubs and going home with them. Several of the victims were known to be promiscuous. Detectives speculate that the killer may be a homosexual and that his motive could be revenge for an HIV infection or a desire to destroy homosexuals.

One senior officer said last night: "Either he hates the gay community or there are a whole series of reasons. There are indications he could be gay himself or else they would not go with him." In several of the murders there have also been thefts.

Four of the five victims were homosexual and are believed to have had an interest in sado-masochism. Several of their homes contained bondage equipment. All the victims were found naked and in several cases there had been sexual activity.

Four of the five died from asphyxiation, caused in three cases by strangulation. The post-mortem on the latest murder was still being carried out last night.

The killings have been linked because of the telephone calls, the methods of murder and the profile of the deaths. In only one case is there no evidence that the victim was homosexual.

Five murder teams are now working on the individual killings, under the co-ordination of Det Chief Supt Kenneth John. The murder teams are linked by computer and the investigations may look at other murders of homosexuals to see if the killer has struck before.

Scotland Yard already has expertise in tracking down homosexual serial killers after investigations in the 1980s into Michael Lupo, who killed four men and tried to murder another two.

Lupo was suffering from Aids and was believed to have been reaping his revenge on homosexuals.

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Flooding brings June misery to the West

BY IAN MURRAY

HEAVY rain fell on much of Britain again yesterday as the Duke of Edinburgh toured parts of Wales which last week suffered their worst flooding in living memory. After the wettest May since 1986, June is proving at least as rainy with many regions already drenched by more than the average rainfall for the entire month.

There was renewed flooding yesterday in Helston and Porthleven, Cornwall. About 2ft of water poured along roads in Newquay and Bude, where people were still mopping up after torrential downpours at the end of last week. Roads into Plymouth were closed for an hour by the downpour and houses at Salcombe were damaged when the River Erme burst its banks.

More heavy rain is likely in the West today and the National Rivers Authority is monitoring rising river levels in the area. There is, however, an optimistic forecast from the Meteorological Office for the second Test between England and Australia, which starts today at Lord's. Little or no rain is expected in London for the next two days, and a sunny weekend is in prospect across the country.

Forecasters said the rain had been accompanied by warmer than usual weather. Temperatures have been as high as 27C and overall have been three degrees more than the 19C average for the

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Major orders ministers to 'sing from same hymn sheet' on taxes

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major will today warn ministers to stop squabbling in public about economic policy as the cabinet meets to approve a tough crackdown on spending aimed at reining back the budget deficit.

Against the background of new figures underlining the fragility of the recovery the cabinet is expected to stick to its plans to hold spending next year to £253.6 billion, even if this means cuts in individual programmes.

The prime minister, angry at the cabinet disarray last weekend over taxation and spending caused by ministers sending conflicting messages, will tell ministers today that they should "sing from the same hymn sheet". Once the remit for this year's review has been agreed, he will argue, they should stop putting out their personal views in public.

As Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, received general acclaim from Conservative MPs for the emphasis on growth in his Mansion House speech on Tuesday, there was a setback for him in the latest retail sales and borrowing figures. High street sales, a key indicator of the recovery, fell in May for the second month in a row. Borrowing, the chancellor's biggest problem, rose to £5 billion last month, suggesting that the projection of a yearly deficit of £50 billion is by no means pessimistic.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, sought to prepare MPs and the public for harsh decisions by saying that ministers were well aware of the size of the deficit and the need for difficult choices later in the year. "What we are going to discuss in cabinet is to what extent the imperatives of dealing with the PSBR can be matched by the very difficult political choices we face."

Today's discussion ranging across spending and tax will be held against the background of conflicting views among ministers and Tory MPs about the balance to be struck between spending cuts and tax rises. Right-wing Tories are worried that Mr Clarke will soft-pedal on spending and embrace tax rises, possibly higher income tax.

John Marshall, MP for Hendon South, who was cheered by his colleagues at a private lunch with John Major earlier this week after insisting that spending should take the strain, warned ministers against higher taxes. Other MPs said that Mr Clarke could raise a lot of extra money by curbing tax relief on pension contributions.

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There are no safe havens for a public speaker

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Winston Churchill (C, Davyhulme) returned yesterday *from his recent bruising foray* into immigration policy to the relative tranquillity of war in Bosnia.

He rose with a question to Douglas Hurd about "safe havens", perhaps longing for one for himself. There was a little heckling, no doubt provoked by his views on racial balance within Britain.

This was unfair as Mr Churchill has not gone so far as to propose ethnic cleansing, only ethnic filtering. His motives are unclear but it strikes me that although there are tens of thousands of Winstons in Britain, Churchill may be the only one who is white.

Is he, perhaps, haunted by a secret *personal insecurity about race? Homo*sexuals know that their most panicky persecutors often turn out to have worries about their own sexuality, and one wonders whether Mr Churchill has entirely come to terms with his own Christian name. It would not be surprising to find that John Carlisle (Conservative, Luton N), whose sympathy for *white governments in South Africa* is well known, was baptised Leroy, or Prem.

Mr Hurd did his Eton and Cambridge best to soothe Churchill's fears over safe havens. FCO ministers grow suaver and more polished by the week, their ministry itself a safe haven against Mr *Major's classless society. They are so* posh that it is quite hard to understand what they are saying.

A new minister, David Heathcoat-Amory, referred yesterday to a mysterious body he called "the kine-sel of ministers". And what was the "ite-come" of the "review"?

Heathcote-Amory (Eton & Oxford) is even grander than Alastair Goodlad (Marlborough & Cambridge), which is *saying something: Goodlad is so grand* that he has become disdainful of speech itself, muttering a word or two when he *must*, or reading his brief in a grumpy, throwaway monotone, as though it were really nothing to do with him. Very few people have heard Mr Goodlad speak.

For many years he was a whip and colleagues thought the Trappism arose from duty. When he ceased to be a whip we expected he might say something, but, alas, no. He is consequently regarded by Conservatives as enormously wise.

On being urged to speak out recently, Michael Portillo was heard to remark: "In my career it is my periods of silence which have stood most to my credit". Alastair Goodlad has gone further. His whole life has been a period of silence. It is held greatly to his credit.

Yesterday (if I interpreted the grunts aright) he told Labour's Peter Kilfoyle (Liverpool, Walton) that if we kept up trade with Indonesia, then "our hopes of bettering human rights in East Timor will be greatly improved".

The thought of Mr Goodlad wishing himself to sell anything to an Indonesian, or lying awake haunted by concern over human rights in Timor, was laughable. But a certain elevation from detail is what marks out a rising Foreign Office minister. His colleague Mark *Lennox-Boyd* (Eton & Oxford) has it too.

An afternoon of posh voices was crowned by Lady Olga Maitland (Sutton & Cheam).

Lady Olga's ancestry is partly Serb and some colleagues refer to "Serb-dominated Sutton in the former Surrey", *but anyone* expecting an apology for Serbian behaviour yesterday was wrong. Lady Olga made a plea for an opposition leader, Vuk Draskovic, brutally treated by President Milosevic. She was powerful and moving.

As my Foreign and Commonwealth Office boss drawled after I joined the *diplomatic service in 1974*: "Never assume, *mon vieux*."

Legal requirement forces Major into early by-election

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister is set to give the go-ahead for the Christchurch by-election to be held next month.

Mr Major has been advised that a formidable legal obstacle lies in the way of delaying the poll until September: under electoral law, if a by-election vacancy has not been filled by the time of a parliamentary recess, any two MPs *from any party can require the* Speaker to issue the writ.

This means that if Mr Major were to stay his hand until the Commons rises for the summer — expected to be at the end of July — he would face the prospect of Liberal Democrat or Labour MPs triggering a campaign and poll in August.

Senior Tories conceded yesterday *that the government* could not afford such an embarrassment and indicated that the contest in a seat where the Conservatives are defending a 23,000 majority would be held in July. The most likely dates are July 15, 22 or 29. The *vacancy in the Dorset resort* was caused by the death of Robert Adley on May 13.

The prime minister's hand has been forced by the Recess Elections Act 1975, which was drawn up at the prompting of Sir David Steel in his days as Liberal chief whip. After the Berwick-upon-Tweed seat fell vacant in 1973, Edward Heath's government delayed holding a by-election throughout the summer and Sir David acted as a "caretaker MP", conducting surgeries in a constituency that then bordered his Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale seat.

The convention that by-elections are held within three months of a vacancy occurring, and the Act, arose from negotiations among the chief whips of the three main parties.

Sir David said last night: "It is wrong for people to be unrepresented for so long and this Act would help us to trigger a by-election to ensure that the people of Christchurch are represented in Parliament as soon as possible."

It was also disclosed last night that David Willetts, the Tory MP for Havant, has been appointed Sir Norman Fowler's parliamentary aide. The Tory party chairman has been under fire, from right-wingers in particular, over his heated denunciation of Norman Lamont's resignation statement.

Mr Willetts, a member of the Thatcherite No Turning Back Group and a former head of the Centre for Policy Studies, will be expected to help Sir Norman to mend fences with his critics.

Two other new boys, Nigel Evans (Ribble Valley) and Dr Liam Fox (Woodspring), were also made parliamentary private secretaries to cabinet ministers. Mr Evans will work for David Hunt, the employment secretary, and Dr Fox for Michael Howard, the home secretary.

Malcolm Moss (Cambridgeshire North East) becomes personal parliamentary secretary to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary.

Clarke to scrap limit on public-sector pay

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Clarke is preparing to abandon the 1.5 per cent ceiling on public-sector pay rises next year.

Although the Chancellor initially considered keeping *the limit to suppress next year's pay bill, he has been* convinced by Treasury officials to return to a more flexible pay-rise system.

Instead he will warn the pay review bodies, which cover one million workers, that public sector rises of more than 3 *per cent in 1994-5 will be* sanctioned only in exceptional cases.

This year's 1.5 per cent ceiling is regarded by the Treasury as having succeeded because of the hardship faced by so many workers in the private sector during the recession.

Mr Clarke has told colleagues he believes that the method works in the short-term but that it could provoke a wave of protest if extended. In particular, he does not want a repeat of the "winter of discontent" that helped to bring down the Callaghan government.

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, had urged the Chancellor to drop *the rigid limit for next year* because it was redolent of a formal pay policy. Lifting the ceiling looks certain to bring demands for special treatment from the public sector unions.

Both ministers are expected to press the case for low *awards to the review bodies* covering teachers, doctors, nurses, the armed forces, judges and senior civil servants. They are also likely to warn ministers that pay awards above 3 per cent must be funded from their budgets.

☐ An estimated 2.25 million people earning below the basic income tax threshold will pay "slightly more" in National Insurance contributions next year, junior social security minister William Hague disclosed last night

BARRY GREENWOOD

This high: Theresa Evans describes her experience of the floods in Llandudno to the Duke of Edinburgh

Flood bill in Wales put at £12m

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month. The unusually wet and warm weather has been due to a high southwesterly *jetstream bringing in air from* the tropics. This is starting to move towards the continent, leaving a high-pressure front which should provide warm settled weather for several days.

The Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Wales brought some cheer to people in Cardigan and Llandudno, where flashflooding caused by 6in of rain in 24 hours badly damaged hundreds of homes last week.

The duke met residents and rescue service personnel, who told him how swiftly the waters rose last Thursday.

The local council estimates that repairing the homes will cost at least £7.5 million, and road repairs will cost £1 million. Paying for temporary accommodation will bring the *total bill up to about £12* million, of which the government has promised to pay 85 per cent.

"Finding the other 15 per cent is going to be very difficult," Eurwen Jones, the mayor, said yesterday.

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GPs' leader attacks 'slur' over benefits

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE row over invalidity benefit intensified yesterday as doctors' leaders claimed Downing Street officials were making GPs "carry the can" for deficiencies in the welfare state.

Dr Ian Bogle, leader of the British Medical Association's GPs committee, said No. 10 had cast an "unforgiveable slur" on the profession. He said Downing Street officials had implied that doctors were responsible for the increase in claims by being too ready to register people as unfit for work. "We are family doctors, advocates for our patients, not Department of Social Security police," he told the BMA's conference of GPs in London.

Research released by the Policy Studies Institute suggests that half the rise in invalidity benefit claims can be explained by social and economic factors, such as more women being in the labour market and tax advantages for those over retirement age who draw the benefit in place of a pension. This week the prime minister said the increase in the number of claimants — from 500,000 in 1975 to 1,500,000 in 1992 — "beggared belief" and justified government moves to tackle the issue. However, claims for other benefits for the disabled, such as attendance allowance and mobility allowance, have seen equally big rises.

Total social security spending on disabled people has risen by nearly 9 per cent a year over the past ten years, compared to 8 per cent a year for invalidity benefit, *reflecting official recognition of the* costs of living with a disability.

Research commissioned by the Department of Social Security showed that the rise in claimants was not caused by more people claiming for the first time but fewer leaving the register. "There has been a fairly constant number of people having to leave work on health grounds over the years," the institute says. "But as the labour market has tightened, they have found it more and more difficult to get back into work." The institute says there is no evidence that doctors have altered the threshold for judging a person unfit for work, but that government proposals may lead to 420,000 people being barred from claiming invalidity benefit.

Bogle: attack on No. 10 officials

Hunt was on losing Lloyd's syndicates

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

JAMES Hunt, the former world motor racing champion who died of a heart attack at his London home on Tuesday, was a loss-making Lloyd's name, market sources revealed yesterday.

Mr Hunt, 45, whose estimated losses range between £250,000 and £750,000, joined the organisation in 1983 when the market was making profits for its investors.

He originally insured risks written by only six syndicates, but over the following seven years he rapidly expanded his commitments and by 1990 he was involved in a total of 38 syndicates.

Several of these have made massive losses, such as Merrett syndicate 418, Wellington syndicate 406, Jarison Green syndicate 932 and David King's syndicate 745. In many cases, names are embroiled in legal action to try to recover their losses.

Mr Hunt's losses may be limited, however, by the use of a personal stop loss policy and he may have protected his estate through a similar insurance scheme.

His adviser at Lloyd's, Stewarts Members' Agency, was not available for comment last night.

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Home sellers hold back for price rise

The property market is stagnating because of a shortage of homes for sale, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Recovery is being hampered because potential sellers are waiting for prices to rise before putting their homes on the market. Prices are remaining stable, as buyers are not prepared to pay significantly more.

The problem is most acute in the South East, where many potential vendors have homes worth less than their mortgages. The shortage of new houses in the region has led, in some cases, to small price rises. But most surveyors said that prices remained the same as three months ago. Peter Miller, the institution's housing market spokesman, advised buyers and sellers not to be sensitive to reports of small price fluctuations. Would-be sellers holding off in the hope of price rises "should bear in mind that even if there is a rise in values, it will be matched by the new property they wish to buy".

Blood chief supported

A Cambridge academic convicted in France of giving HIV-tainted blood to haemophiliacs has been found fit to keep his job as director of the East Anglian blood transfusion service by an NHS enquiry. Professor Jean-Pierre Allain was sentenced last year to four years in jail, two of them suspended, after a trial relating to his previous job as research chief of the French transfusion service. He has been suspended since the trial. Health officials will consider the enquiry findings after his appeal against conviction.

Vote for superquarry

The people of Harris have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Western Isles Council granting planning permission for a £30 million quarry at Lingarabay. In a referendum 62 per cent (682) voted in favour and 38 per cent (417) against. The application by Redlands Aggregates of Reigate, Surrey, described as "the largest mineral planning application in the UK", will create a massive hole which will eventually become a sea loch. Redlands plans to extract 600 million tonnes of anorthosite over 60 years.

Spencer in the Lords

Earl Spencer, brother of the Princess of Wales, urged the government in his maiden speech to the House of Lords yesterday to give grants to landowners for opening their properties to the public. He said that a woodland on his Althorp estate in Northamptonshire had been subject to "use and abuse" — including devil worship — by the public, but he insisted: "We want people to use this area as an amenity. It doesn't invade our privacy and it doesn't affect our income. They are very welcome to use it."

Insider trial collapses

The taxpayer will have to meet large legal costs following the collapse of an insider dealing trial involving the British Olympic basketball player Alton Byrd because an American witness was unable to give evidence. Mr Byrd, a stockbroker's account manager, Roger Wilcocke, a company director and Graham Shear, a solicitor, had denied charges of passing and acting on sensitive financial information. All three were discharged on Monday when the judge directed the jury to return not guilty verdicts.

'Vigilante' case appeal

An appeal was lodged yesterday against the five-year sentences passed on two men who terrorised a suspected criminal. Brian Jarvis, the solicitor for Duncan Bond, 35, and Mark Chapman, 29, said he hoped the case would be heard within a few weeks. People in Bond's home village of Hardeston, Norfolk, and local politicians have expressed outrage at the sentences passed by Judge Binns at Norwich Crown Court last week. Pending the appeal, the two men have been moved to an open prison.

Phone numbers for life

BY JOHN YOUNG

PERSONALISED telephone numbers that subscribers will be able to retain for life should be available within the next few years.

Users will be able to take the number with them wherever they choose to live and will even be able to have calls on their personal number directed to a telephone where they happen to be — at home, at work, in the pub, at a friend's house or at a holiday cottage.

These innovations were unveiled by Don Cruickshank, director general of telecommunications, at the launch of a new consultative document on the provision of future telephone services.

Representatives of Oftel, the telecommunications watchdog which published the document, emphasised that personal telephone numbers would not mean an end to customers' privacy. Subscribers would be entitled to reveal the number to whom they chose, separate home and business numbers would still be listed in directories, and ex-directory numbers would continue to be available.

The provision of a new range of telephone services has been facilitated by the the national code change, which takes effect in April 1995. Insertion of the extra digit 1 after the initial 0 in all area codes will increase the total available numbers within the UK from one billion to ten billion.

Mr Cruickshank said: "If we are to provide customers with extra services, we need greater flexibility and more spare capacity." The transfer of faxes, mobile radio-linked telephones and information services to separate networks would bring Britain into line with America, Japan and Australia, which were in the vanguard of the telecommunications revolution.

He added that while the provision of services would remain the responsibility of BT and other telephone companies, Oftel would take over management of the new numbering scheme early next year to safeguard consumer interests.

☐ *Numbering: Choices for the Future* (Oftel, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JJ)

CORRECTION

A report on May 5 should have made clear that Professor John Hobbs is director and founder of the Westminster Children's Hospital Bone Marrow Unit and, that Dr Ashok Vellodi is the unit's consultant paediatrician.

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Murderer stalks London's gay community

■ The homosexual community in London has been warned to be vigilant

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE murder three months ago of Peter Walker, a successful West End director of choreography, was regarded as a brutal but isolated killing. Now police believe he was the first victim of a serial killer who has murdered four other men and threatened to strike again.

Mr Walker's death made shortlived headlines in March as another violent incident in the shadowy homosexual world, but last Tuesday morning the death was linked to the killing of Andrew Collier, an old people's home worker, in east London. By the end of the day, detectives from five areas of London were conferring and matching other deaths.

Four of the five men, all bachelors, are believed to have been homosexuals with an interest in sado-masochism, but police have no evidence that the fifth, American Perry Bradley III, was gay. Mr Walker and Mr Collier, who were both HIV-positive, were described by police as promiscuous.

They were both killed with ropes which have disappeared and police also know that the two men drank in public houses used as meeting places by homosexuals.

Mr Walker, 45, was discovered by a colleague lying naked in his bed under a duvet at his home in Battersea. His hands had been tied with rope shortly before he died from asphyxiation. A former dancer, Mr Walker had been working on *City of Angels* and had many credits as a choreographer, including Tim Rice's *Chess* and the Paul Nicholas production of *Pirates of Penzance*. He had also worked for the National Theatre.

The next victim was Christopher Dunn, a 37-year-old librarian, discovered by a friend on May 30 at his home in Wealdstone, north London. At first police believed the death was accidental. He had been throttled by straps and was discovered wearing a harness and other sexual equipment.

Mr Dunn, who worked for the London Borough of Brent, was regarded locally as a pleasant and quiet man. Yesterday, a neighbour said: "I thought he was probably gay. He seemed to have one long-standing male friend who visited quite often, but he didn't discuss his personal life. It's such a horrible, humiliating way to die. We had no idea what was going on."

Doris Kibble, who lived next door, said: "I know he did enjoy going out a lot. I often saw him going out in the evenings dressed very smartly. One rig out I remember in particular. It was a white suit and very eye-catching. He used to take a great deal of pride in his appearance."

Martin Dee, the local newsagent, said: "Christopher dressed at weekends as if he was ready for action. This man, in his 50s, would arrive at Chris's home on his silver and black motorbike dressed in leathers and jeans. They would come into the shop together before heading for the West End. Chris was obviously ready for fun. Sometimes he would wear big black leather boots and a studded dog collar."

On June 4, the body of Mr Bradley, 35, was found in his Kensington flat. He was lying naked in his bed and had been strangled.

Although a single man, police have yet to find a motive for Mr Bradley's death. Mr Bradley had lived in Britain for seven years and ran a multinational chemical company in Slough, Berkshire.

The killer struck again last week, leaving the naked body of Andrew Collier, 33, in his flat at the sheltered housing centre where he worked in Dalston, northeast London. Nearby was a recent letter confirming that he was HIV positive.

One elderly resident said: "He was a quiet, gentle man. He wasn't outward about being homosexual, but people guessed. He would drink in the West End, not around here. He would say 'I am going off to see my friends' or 'my friends are coming around' and you knew what he was hinting at. His flat is the only occupied flat on his floor, so people could easily have come round without anyone knowing."

Another resident said: "Everyone is very shocked. You couldn't wish to meet a kinder man. He was always willing to help anybody out."

Yesterday police began investigations into the fifth victim, unofficially identified as Emanuel Spiteri, 41, a Maltese chef. The body was found naked in a second floor bedsit in Catford, southeast London.

A friend said yesterday that the dead man often used a public house in Lewisham used by homosexuals. Mr Spiteri visited many of the clubs and public houses used by homosexuals in Soho, Earls Court and south London.

The friend said: "He was a lovely guy. I can't believe he's dead."

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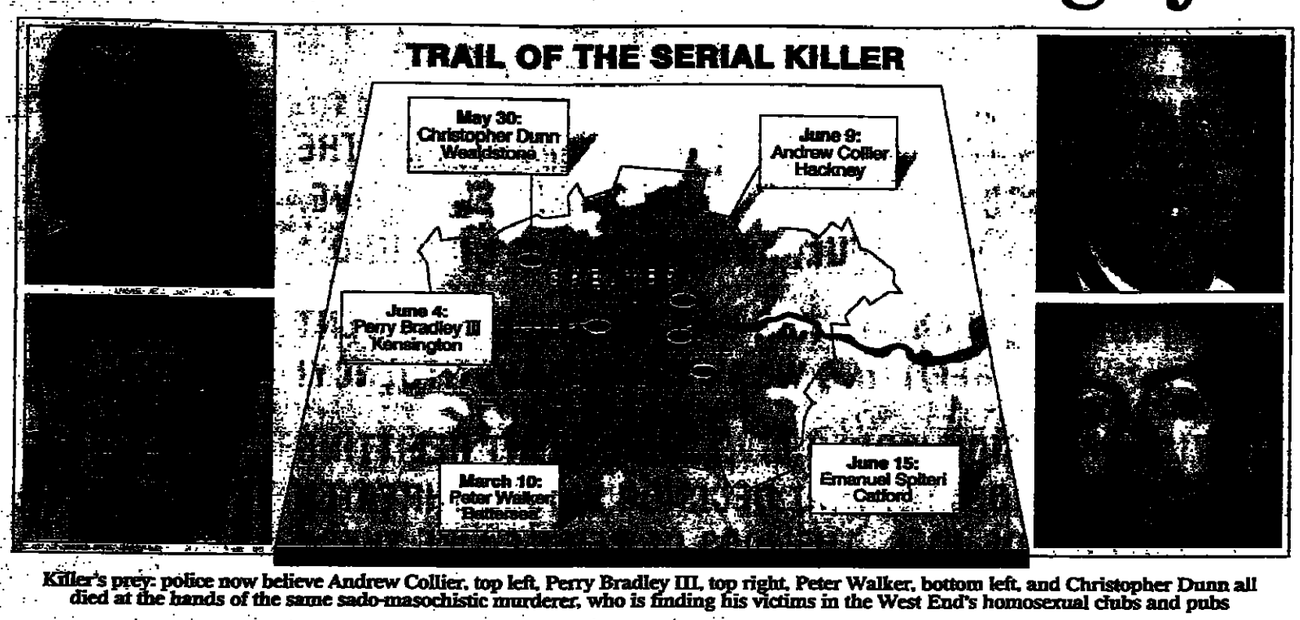


Killer's prey: police now believe Andrew Collier, top left, Perry Bradley III, top right, Peter Walker, bottom left, and Christopher Dunn all died at the hands of the same sado-masochistic murderer, who is finding his victims in the West End's homosexual clubs and pubs

Close-knit community is bewildered and fearful

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A POLICE poster nailed to a dark timbered wall of the Coleherne, one of London's most famous gay venues, illustrates the latest threat to a community that already feels under siege.

It requests information from customers at the pub, in Old Brompton Road, about Perry Bradley, an American who was one of the victims of the serial killer. The Coleherne is also the place where the killer's first victim, Peter Walker, was last seen alive. The atmosphere yesterday was sombre and tense.

In Soho, where the gay community's spending power, known as the pink pound, has created a thriving homosexual business and entertainment centre, there was bewilderment. "It's crazy, just crazy. Why is he doing this?" asked Steve Johnstone, owner of Comptons, a gay pub in Soho. "Everybody is thinking, 'There but for the grace of God go I.'"

Customers around the bar nodded agreement. "The threat of Aids has already made people close ranks against outsiders, but this is going to make people even more wary of whom they talk to, let alone whom they take home," said one. "The gay community is very suspicious of new and this new threat will only emphasise that."

There are gay bars, gay lifestyle and fashion stores and a gay beauty and sunbed centre. The community's purchasing power is demonstrated by the establishment of a travel agency catering for homosexuals, a financial adviser and more gay restaurants. Such developments reflect a growing confidence that gays and heterosexuals can live side by side in a cosmopolitan city.

But in the Coleherne pub, the feeling was of greater isolation. The gay community had always helped each other, said a customer, a burly man with shaved head and silver earrings. "We have had to learn, as a group, to fend for ourselves and that stands us in good stead in circumstances like these."

Another customer added: "Cruising has been going on for a long time, and people are well aware of how to minimise the risk. But people are certainly going to be more cautious about where they go, and I think we have seen the last of the heyday of places such as this," he said in reference to Hampstead Heath, a well-known location for gay meetings.

The police are likely to have problems in their search for the killer because mistrust of the force runs deep among the homosexual community, particularly in London.

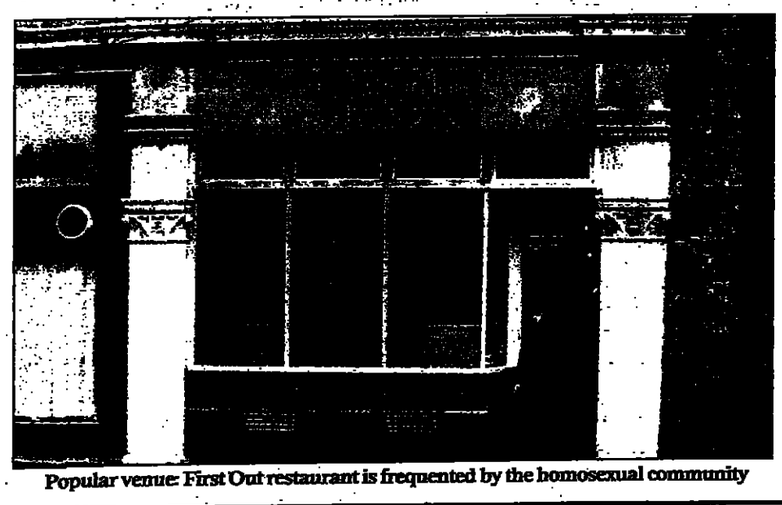
"Violence against gay men is nothing new," said Tim Brogden, a manager of First Out, a fashionable restaurant in Soho frequented by the gay community. "But the police very rarely seem to do anything about it. It takes something sensational like this for them to act."

David Brindle, editor of *The Pink Paper*, a newspaper that is distributed to more than 250 gay venues in London, said there was concern that warnings about the killer had not been issued earlier. "There is a sense that if his target had been women rather than gay men, the police would have acted far more swiftly."

Switchboards were jammed yesterday at Gallop, a policing organisation for the homosexual community in London, with callers offering and seeking information about the murders. The homosexual campaigning groups, Stonewall and Outrage, yesterday warned gay men to avoid strangers and to associate only with people they know.

The warning came just days before one of the biggest events of the gay calendar. On Saturday more than 100,000 people are expected at the Lesbian and Gay Pride March, an annual show of solidarity by homosexuals from around the country. Yesterday thousands of leaflets were being printed to distribute to the marchers with warnings about the killer.

"It is important that we do not let this dampen the spirit of the event," Kim de Testre, the chairperson of the organisers, said. "After all, there's safety in numbers for us."



Popular venue: First Out restaurant is frequented by the homosexual community

VIEWPOINT

Social stigma increases risks

The news that a serial killer is targeting homosexuals in London will have sent a shiver down the spine of tens of thousands of gay men in the capital. They will reflect upon how easily it could have happened to them.

The reason lies in the unreality of the jargon into which the media and the police have already slipped in warnings to what they call "the gay community".

There is no gay community. There are no safe havens or friendly networks to which most homosexual men would turn for advice and information, nor is there the security of a meeting place where people are known to each other and a suspicious stranger would be likely to be noticed and warnings passed on. The advice that one should invite a potential partner home to meet one's mother or workmates, and get to know his own circle of friends, will ring somewhat hollow in the gay bars and clubs of London.

Because of the laws on age of consent (21), "importuning" and gross indecency, but — most important — because of the social stigma such legislation reflects and reinforces, many gay men are afraid of open socialising. Anonymity and instant gratification, with no questions asked and no personal background volunteered, become the order of the day, or night.

You would not expect someone to tell you much about himself; they would not expect you to ask them to supper or to meet your friends; and you might both prefer the understanding that you would never meet again. This is certainly true of the professional classes, who may find themselves with people much rougher than themselves whose characters they are ill-equipped to judge. In one important sense, sex with such people is actually "safer" for a professional man.

Murder has been a persistent but relatively infrequent occurrence. Much more common — it is almost endemic — is robbery, burglary and assault.

Asking somebody "back to your place", where the two of you will usually be alone, can give a complete stranger opportunities it would be difficult for him to engineer in any other way. A gay man whose homosexuality was secret would be unlikely to report such crimes to the police and (in my view) the vast majority of such incidents go unrecorded, many men regarding them as a necessary hazard.

The Metropolitan police in the past have been seen as unsympathetic to the victims of crime in such circumstances.

Recently, the commissioner and senior staff have made a notable effort to open up lines of communication and respond to criticism, but the police "canteen culture" is hard to change overnight and the impression persists in homosexual circles that, when it comes to the threats from people you may pick up for sex, "you're on your own".

One incentive for embarrassed gay men to report incidents, or suspicious behaviour — that this would help the police to build up a profile of crimes of harassment of homosexuals — is denied, because the Metropolitan police refuse to recognise such a category of offence in the way that, for instance, "racially motivated" crime is separately recorded.

Some gay men will take heed of police advice, now, to avoid strangers or at least stay within earshot of a friend. Others will shudder, mutter "there but for the grace of God ..." and carry on regardless.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Envoy restores Elton's harmony

BY RICHARD DUCE, AND BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

INTERVENTION by Britain's ambassador to Israel averted a diplomatic incident yesterday when he secured the return of Elton John, who stormed out of the country on Tuesday claiming that his safety was threatened by over-zealous media attention.

Andrew Burns, our man in Israel, has probably encountered local difficulties over sex and drugs, but yesterday it was the turn of rock and roll as he brought his attention to bear on an incident that has caused outrage in Israel.

John had been in the country for barely two hours before he was back on a plane complaining that the authorities could not guarantee his safety at the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv and that airport staff had accorded him no special privilege on arrival.

As Israeli anger grew, Andrew Burns, the British ambassador, secured a promise from John, by now back in England, that he would restage his planned concert tonight on condition that safety precautions were increased.

News of his planned return was greeted with relief by the Israeli government, which is anxious to end years of isolation from the rock music world, prompted by the suppression of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

John Reid, the singer's manager, complained yesterday about the treatment of John after his arrival at his hotel from Ben Gurion airport. On Sunday, Bob Dylan had been surprised to find no VIP treatment at the airport. He had to sign autographs as he waited with other passengers at passport control. Mr Reid said: "There was no security and there was an enormous stampede of photographers and press. Two of our party were injured."

Forty thousand tickets costing about £35 had been sold for the concert, originally scheduled for last night. Before the announcement that the concert would go ahead, four fans had gone to court demanding $20,000 in damages for the cost of their tickets, loss of enjoyment and mental suffering.

Jury hears tape of kidnap victim

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE halting voice of Stephanie Slater, recorded as she was held captive by Michael Sams, was played for the jury at his trial yesterday. The recording was made five days after her kidnap and as negotiations for the delivery of a £175,000 ransom and release of the estate agent took place.

She was heard saying: "I am Stephanie Slater, I am frightened, but I am all right," before Sams turned the recorder off. It was part of a recording made by police as Sams gave telephone instructions to Kevin Watts, Miss Slater's boss, on how he was to deliver her ransom.

Sams, 51, from Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, has admitted abducting Miss Slater, 26, on January 20 last year, and blackmailing her employers, Shipways Estate Agents, of Sutton Coldfield.

He denies abducting and murdering Julie Dart, 18, a Leeds prostitute, in July 1991, and demanding a £140,000 ransom from West Yorkshire police. He also denies demanding £200,000 from British Rail with a threat to derail an express train.

In the recording played yesterday to the jury at Nottingham Crown Court, Sams's high-pitched voice was heard instructing Mr Watts to go to Glossop railway station, Derbyshire, to await further instructions. An anxious Mr Watts asks: "Is Steph all right?", to which Sams replies: "Yes, I am going to play you a tape."

Susan Woolley, a regional crime squad detective, told the court she believed it was the same voice she had listened to at a phone kiosk on Crewe station in October, 1991, when she took a call from the man blackmailing British Rail.

Earlier, the court had heard the meticulous instructions given by the BR blackmailer for the ransom delivery in a letter received at the Euston headquarters, London, on October 15, 1991. It began with a threat to derail a high-speed train on either the east or west coast main lines.

The letter insisted on two women carrying the money, wearing skirts and high heels. "We do not want an Olympic sprinter in trainers," the letter said.

The blackmailer also warned that the couriers would be in danger if "the money is not real". A firearm would be trained on one of them.

The hearing continues today, when Miss Slater is expected to tell her story in court.

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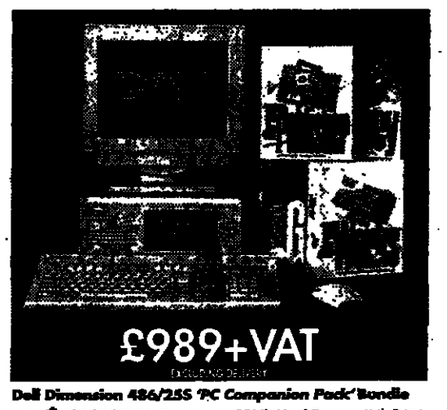

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Hand scanner lets travellers boldly go past airport control

By Marianne Curphey

■ Forget the television fantasies, the future has arrived in the shape of Star Trek style identification controls for air passengers

BUSINESS people and other regular visitors to the United States are having their palms read electronically in a trial scheme aimed at ending the long queues at immigration control.

A touch-sensitive machine reads the geometry of the right hand and checks the details against a card carried by the passenger. If the details match, the passenger is allowed through an automatic gate.

The system, reminiscent of Captain Kirk's speedy entrance to the bridge of the Starship Enterprise, has attracted interest from other countries, including Britain. They are monitoring the six-month trial being conducted at Newark airport, New Jersey, in the hope that they can introduce similar machines.

Virgin Atlantic is the first British airline to test the system at Newark, where passengers who make at least three journeys a year are being invited to take part. Virgin is distributing application forms for passes on all its transatlantic flights.

A parallel trial will take place at the British Airways terminal at JFK airport and the JFK international arrival building in mid-July.

The device, known as INSPASS, was developed by US Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS). It confirms the passenger's flight details and passport number when his palm, which has been "mapped" electronically, is placed on a sensitive screen.

The machine checks with INS databases whether the visitor has committed a crime or done anything that could legally prevent his entry to the United States.

For the time being passengers still need a passport and visa and check in for the return journey in the normal way. The service is initially being offered free, but if it is successful passengers are likely to be charged an annual subscription. The US immigration service has distributed 80,000 application forms among citizens of 24 countries with airlines that fly to America regularly. It is expected that 50,000 will apply.

British Airways, which hopes to extend the scheme if its trial at JFK succeeds, said: "INSPASS will never entirely eliminate the need for passport control but it will cut the waiting time for business travellers to the USA, who are the mainstay of our business."

Virgin plans to lobby the immigration authorities and the British Airports Authority to introduce a similar system at Heathrow and Gatwick. Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, said: "I spent years watching Captain Kirk enter the bridge of the Starship Enterprise by touching his fingers on a hand recognition panel. I would never have dreamt that we would be able to offer our passengers the same facility to enter the US."

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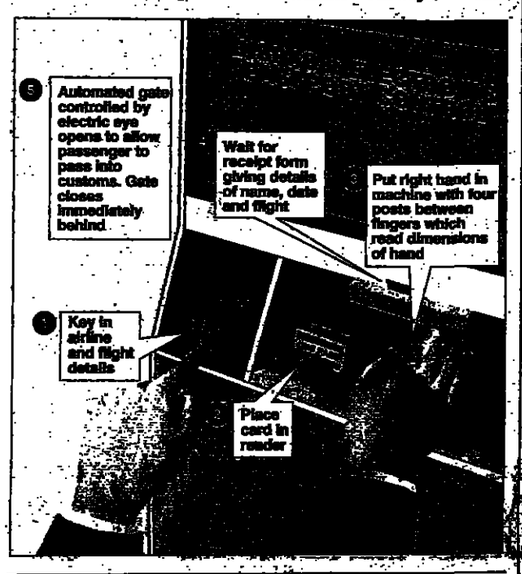

Police baton trials given go-ahead

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A SIDE-handled police baton is to be scientifically tested during the next few months. Three other new types of baton will be taken on patrol by officers in London.

Announcing the go-ahead for street trials of the three straight batons, Michael Howard, the home secretary, told senior officers at the police staff college at Bramshill, Hampshire, that the government remained opposed to the rigid side-handled baton used by police forces in the United States.

Among the three truncheons to be used by Scotland Yard officers from next month is the Celayaton, a 26 in baton made of rattan cane and coated in rubber which is used by security forces in Malaysia.

The others are the Arnold 20.5 in baton, made of rigid plastic, which is in use by Dorset police and about to be used in Northumbria, and the Monadnock SX, a two-piece telescopic truncheon made of steel and polycarbonate which extends from 12 in to 24 in.

Mr Howard said: "I have had strong representations from the police that the old-fashioned truncheon is simply not effective against ever more violent criminals. There is particular concern, which I share, that women police officers should be properly protected."

His decision represents a compromise between those, including the Police Federation, who favour the 24 in rigid American-style baton and people who believe that no change is needed.

The expandable baton is 13.5 in long when closed but at the flick of a wrist opens to 24 in. If the scientific trials are successful it will be tested on street patrols.

It is made of plastic with a steel core. Its main attraction to ministers and Home Office officials anxious to retain the image of the British policeman as a reassuring presence on the streets is that it can be concealed in a uniform, rather than worn outside.

The extra length and side handle give the baton greater defensive qualities but, as the amateur video of the beating given to Rodney King in Los Angeles showed, it is also capable of delivering blows much more powerfully than the British truncheon.

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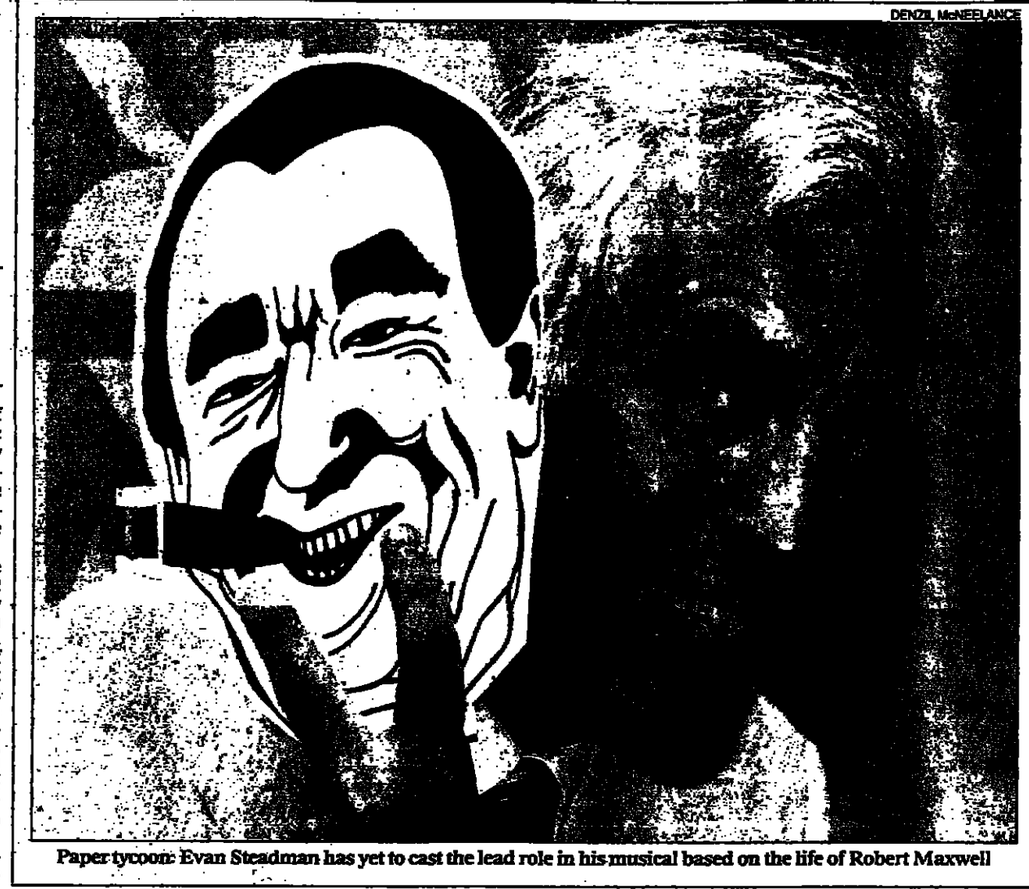

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Paper tycoon: Evan Steadman has yet to cast the lead role in his musical based on the life of Robert Maxwell

Maxwell musical threatened

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

THE producer of a musical based on the life of Robert Maxwell has vowed to see it staged, despite being threatened with an injunction by lawyers acting for Kevin Maxwell.

Maxwell: the musical is on schedule to open in London's West End in the autumn. But solicitors have written to Evan Steadman, the show's producer and one-time chairman of Maxwell Business Communications Group, to warn that it may prejudice impending proceedings against Kevin Maxwell, the late tycoon's younger son.

The letter says legal action will be taken if necessary "to restrain any live performances".

Yesterday, Mr Steadman stressed that the musical does not include any part of Kevin Maxwell's life.

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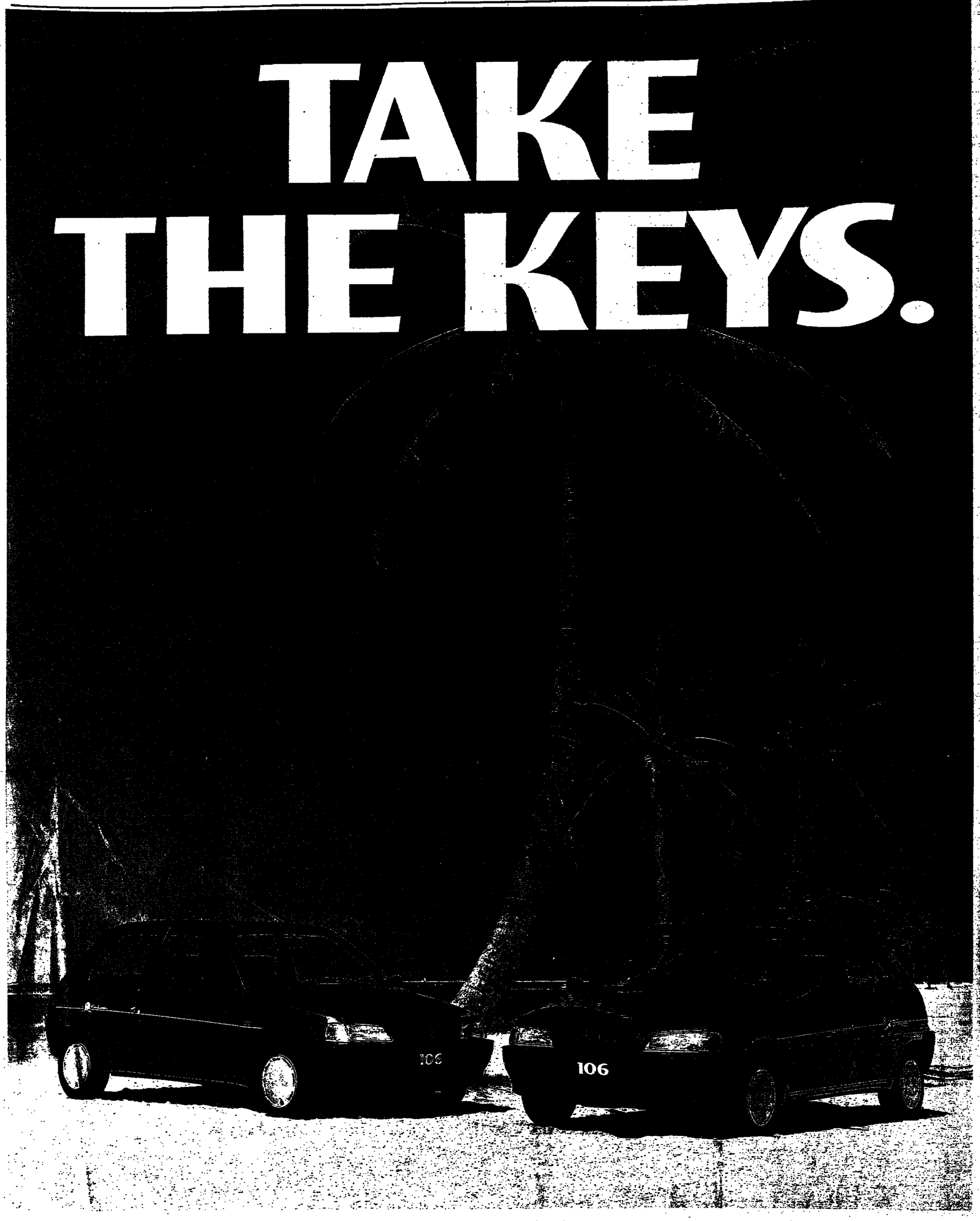

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Aristophanes revival blurs fine art of coarse fun with serious purpose

OLD VIC

FIRST NIGHT

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

WHEN Peter Hall's revival of *Lysistrata* opened in Liverpool, some of the audience stomped out before the end, dismayed by the four-letter words and *double entendres*, or the vast phalli, or all of them. On Tuesday night at the Old Vic, their London counterparts stayed put, laughing lightly at the scurrilous fun. Which reaction, I wonder, was the greater compliment to Aristophanes's play?

Probably the former, naïve though we metropolitan sophisticates may find it. Aristophanes could be no more be genteel than Jane Austen could be priapic, and *Lysistrata* is as bawdy as anything he wrote. Look up his language in the standard lexicon, and you will find it embarrassedly translated into Latin, not good, blunt English: *bineo* becomes *ejicire*, *kusthos* a coy *pudenda muliebria*.

Ranjit Bolt's translation is, rightly, more robust. Again, the original actors would have worn blubbery breasts and buttocks, and flashed them from time to time. Hall gives us those too, plus half-masks for both principals and chorus.

Nor is the emphasis on things phallic the least gratuitous. The play suggests, only half-facetiously, that enforced sexual abstinence will hit the warmongers where it hurts, in what the dictionaries would call the *partibus privatis* and Bolt the balls. Deny the men their beds, as Lysistrata gets the women of Greece to do, and Athens and Sparta may end up coming to the negotiating table. It is Aristophanes's fanciful tribute to the power of sex; his call to make love, not war.

The set is a concrete wall, plastered with ugly graffiti — "We Hate All Spartans" — but the costumes come from earlier in our century. This is an over-obvious attempt on Hall's part to generalise the play's polemic, but it produces some memorable imagery. The chorus becomes an antique Dad's Army, a phalanx of bug-eyed crocks, codgers and superannuated Black and Tans, forever moaning at the crones we see pouring water on their heads and the lovelies we watch outwitting them.

They look splendidly absurd: but their knockabout might be funnier. Perhaps Hall is only being faithful to the coarse traditions of "old comedy" when, for instance, one of them becomes a bucket-hatted battering-ram aimed at uppity women. But the feeling grows that the physical humour could be more gulleful. As it was, only one scene struck me as hilarious, the abortive encounter between Diane Bull's tantalising Myrrhina and Timothy Davies's Kinesias, forlornly sporting an erection the size of a ship's mast. Even then I laughed more than those around me.

The play has its serious side. Aristophanes wrote it when it was clear that Athens was losing the Peloponnesian war and his anxiety about the future is evident. Geraldine James, a cool, bold Lysistrata, despite the stylised gestures her mask forces her to use, puts plenty of feeling into his lines about slaughtered sons, grieving widows and women doomed to grow old without marrying. They have more impact than a spurious scene in which she suddenly addresses us as a modern woman, complaining about the triviality of our own politicians.

But we aren't used to plays which try to reconcile the serious with the ultra-farcical; and I didn't quite feel Hall's revival had done so. Liverpool found it too shocking. London may well find it too crude and silly. It is difficult to please everybody nowadays.

BILL HEWISON

Hitting them where it hurts: Geraldine James as Lysistrata, with members of the Dad's Army chorus

Ex-solicitor bypasses the Bar to reach High Court

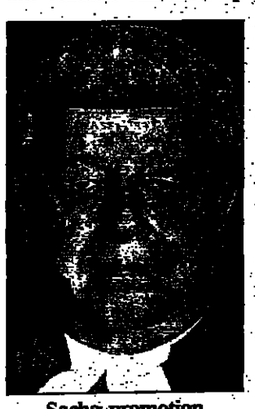
BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER solicitor will make history tomorrow when he becomes the first High Court judge appointed from outside the ranks of the Bar.

The appointment of Michael Sachs, a circuit judge based in Manchester, will be welcomed by solicitors. They were dismayed that no member of their profession had been promoted to the High Court bench since legislation two years ago to end the Bar's monopoly of senior judicial appointments.

In recent months solicitors have criticised the delay and urged the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, to demonstrate his commitment to his own legal reforms.

Judge Sachs, 61, has been a circuit judge since 1984. Former solicitors still make up only about a tenth of the total of 500 circuit judges, although solicitors have long been eligible for the circuit bench.



Sachs: promotion "richly deserved"

Solicitors were deemed eligible when circuit judges were created under the Courts Act 1971. They had to have five years' exerience as a recorder, so the first solicitors were not appointed until 1976.

The most senior judicial appointments have always come from the top ranks of the Bar, historically regarded as the "senior service" of the two branches of the law. Because solicitors had no experience of acting as advocates in the higher courts, which were the monopoly of the Bar, it was argued that they were not equipped to sit as judges in those courts.

Both monopolies — that of advocacy rights in the higher courts and that of senior judicial appointments — were scrapped by Lord Mackay in his legal reforms in the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.

The full impact of those changes has yet to be felt. Solicitors are still awaiting a decision on whether they may take cases in the higher courts, two years after the legislation [illegible]

[illegible] 1957 and was a partner with Slater Heelis & Co of Manchester from 1962 to 1984. He joined the circuit bench via the usual route of being a recorder from 1980 to 1984.

Rodger Pannone, vice-president of the Law Society, said he hoped that the appointment would be the first of many. "It is a historic event and richly deserved. Michael Sachs is one of the most able and rounded judges I know."

Michael Jones, a partner with the Manchester law firm Pannone and Partners, said: "This is a very enlighted appointment. He is a widely respected man among solicitors who know him and has also succeeded in earning the respect of the Bar in his time on the bench.

"He will always look carefully at the defendant and consider his circumstances, and be sure that what he is doing is right. But if he needs to he can be tough as well."

Mr Jones also said that Judge Sachs was an accomplished after-dinner speaker and had a warm sense of humour. "He is not aloof or stuffy, and will poke fun at himself."

His appointment would be a boost to other former solicitors on the circuit bench. "I believe there at lots of Michael Sachses out there, a stream of people who are not quite as cocooned as the Bar, who see clients day in and out, in the raw so to speak, and who often have much greater rapport with individuals than do the Bar.

"Barristers get their briefs and see the client for a few hours beforehand. Tapping this wider pool of worldly-wise experience in the solicitors' profession is a step in the right direction."

Crowds gather for Les Dawson funeral

JOHN GILES

Young mourner: Dawson's daughter Charlotte is carried into the church

Stars mourn 'king of comedy'

LES Dawson, the doyen of melancholy northern comedians who died suddenly last week, was described as "a king of comedy, a prince of a man" at his funeral yesterday (Ronald Faux writes).

A large crowd waited outside the White Church in Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, as stage and television celebrities arrived to pay their last respects. The actor Edward Woodward, a close friend, told the congregation: "Les was the king of comedy; he was a prince of a man. There have been other great entertainers who have had adulation ... lauded, praised and admired, but never in my lifetime has there been such an outpouring of love as there has been for Les."

Mourners included many of his favourite butts, mothers-in-law. One said: "He might have sounded cruel, but that's the last thing he was really."

Ethnic pattern shown

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE from ethnic minorities make up more than a quarter of the population in ten boroughs and towns in Britain, according to census figures published yesterday.

More than three million people are from the ethnic minorities; high proportions of them live in metropolitan areas and more than half in southeast England.

The district with the highest percentage of its population from the ethnic minorities is Brent in north London with 44.8 per cent, followed by Newham in east London with 42.3 per cent. More than a quarter of the residents of Harrow, Slough, Leicester, and the London boroughs of Haringey, Lambeth, Ealing, Hackney and Tower Hamlets are from the black or Asian communities. Outside London, the main concentrations are found in the west Midlands, Bradford and the Pennine urban areas.

The findings from the 1991 census show that black people form 1.6 per cent of the population, those of Pakistani origin 0.9 per cent and those of Indian origin 1.5 per cent. There are 840,000 people of Indian origin; 500,000 blacks of Caribbean origin; 477,000 of Pakistani origin; 212,000 blacks of African origin; and 163,000 people of Bangladeshi origin.

Crop fears unfounded

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FEARS that genetically engineered crops will spread through the countryside replacing traditional varieties or ousting native wild plants are unfounded, British research indicates.

In what is believed to be the first study of its kind, scientists have found little difference between the competitiveness of gene-altered oilseed rape and conventional varieties over three years of growth.

The controversial findings, made by a team from Imperial College based at Silwood Park, Ascot, Berkshire, and Oxford University, challenge environmentalists' claims over the threat of so-called transgenic crops.

The research has been backed by the trade and industry department, the agriculture and food research council and private companies. It is based on tests in fields, meadows and forests in Sutherland, Cornwall and Berkshire. The sites were chosen to reflect different climatic conditions.

Each year the researchers looked at how the gene-altered plants fared under different conditions and how successful buried seeds were at germinating. The results are published in the journal *Nature*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Knife killer gets life

A waiter with a long history of violence towards women was jailed for life yesterday after he was found guilty of murdering a waitress who spurned him.

Timothy Harris, 32, stabbed Fay Whitehead, 17, 20 times as she walked to the Imperial Hotel in Ilfracombe, Devon, where they worked. Exeter Crown Court was told.

Coach crashes

More than 50 children and teachers from St Thomas More School at East Molesey, Surrey, escaped with cuts and bruises when their coach crashed near Boulogne, northern France.

Canal death

Fearing the end of the world, Mark Whilmill, 29, drowned himself in a canal, a Rotherham inquest was told.

Artistic alert

Police closed Newcastle upon Tyne's Tyne Bridge and arrested Andrew McKenzie, a sculptor, after his avant-garde exhibit in its north tower was mistaken for a bomb.

Whisky death

David Bruce, 32, died after winning a bet by downing a pint of whisky in 20 seconds, a Weston-super-Mare, Avon, inquest heard. Verdict: misadventure.

Europe lets Japanese see electronic secrets

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

JAPANESE electronics companies, which have been battling with Americans and Europeans to develop the next generation of television technology, are to be allowed access to European rivals' research under a deal brokered by Britain in Luxembourg.

Telecommunications ministers yesterday endorsed a proposal by Patrick McLoughlin, a junior trade and industry minister, that all companies based in Europe — which includes Japanese companies with operations in Europe — should have access to wide screen research projects and results.

This is the key technology leading to HDTV, high definition television with double the lines of conventional systems, which is claimed to make pictures crystal clear and, according to researchers at Brunel University, will be worth around $14.7 billion (£9.7 billion) in 2003

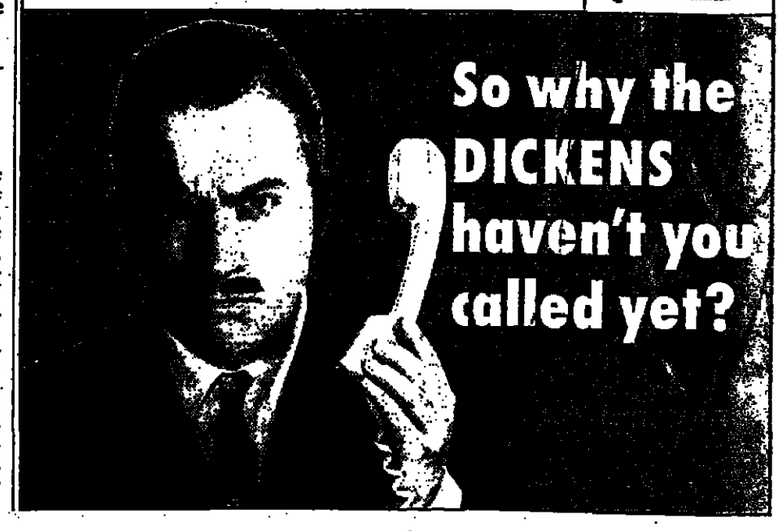
The decision opens the door for British-based overseas electronics and television making companies, such as Sony, to compete directly with European companies on their home ground for a slice of the EC television technology budget.

A spokesman for Sony, in Staines, Surrey, said yesterday: "We are clearly delighted. We have been in Europe for 30 years. We see ourselves as a European company and are keen to participate with our European colleagues."

The move will not be so welcome at Philips of The Netherlands and Thomson of France, the two companies which, in the past, have taken the lion's share of the commission's funds, which Britain yesterday proposed be reduced from 850 million ECUs (£669 million) to 228 million ECUs (£179.5 million).

An official at Philips said: "We are utterly amazed. How many European companies have access to Japanese research programmes?" The move follows what is widely believed to be the failure of the existing EC policy. Both Philips and Thomson have advocated a now outdated technology, whereas Japanese and American companies have moved to digital HDTV programmes. US firms hope to have a system ready within four years.

Ministers also agreed to give broadcasters a share of the budget, which observers believe is crucial to the success of HDTV. Until now, the technology has suffered from indecision, with firms reluctant to develop sets in the absence of programmes and broadcasters reluctant to make programmes in the absence of sets.



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Heavy rain fails to deter 140 oarsmen and women from delivering a Greek greeting to Westminster

War galley's oars beat the drum of democracy

BY JAMES LANDALE ON BOARD THE TRIREME OLYMPIAS

OLYMPIAS, the 37-metre replica of an ancient Greek trireme — a war galley with three banks of oars on each side — yesterday braved distinctly unjolly boating weather to deliver a scroll from the Greek government to Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons.

A crew of 140 oarsmen and women from Britain, America, Germany, Australia and Greece rowed down the Thames from Putney to the Palace of Westminster, humming under the driving rain to keep in time, as part of the Democracy Week celebrations. Although 30 short of a full crew, they managed a fair cruising speed of six knots. The top recorded speed so far is 8.9 knots.

Olympias was built between 1985 and 1987 by Greek builders at a cost of $1 million, paid by the Greek government. It was inspired by a correspondence in *The Times* and designed by two Englishmen, Professor John Morrison, a Cambridge archaeologist, and Dr John Coates, a former naval designer.

The scroll is a present from the Greek government — a gift from the mother of democracy to the mother of parliaments. It is a replica of a 4th-century BC Athenian stele, bearing a decree for the defence of democracy, and is named after the mother of Alexander the Great.

Dr Coates, 71, said yesterday that 90 per cent of naval history is about oared ships. "The sailing warship lasted 500 years. The trireme, as a single type of warship, lasted 1,000 years."

He said yesterday's outing would not silence those who had voiced doubts that such a ship could have been built in ancient times, since there was no precise archaeological evidence of the construction method.

"What the detractors do not do is come forward with workable designs themselves. The point about this is to encourage those people to do just that."

Timothy Shaw, 63, a retired research chemist and representative of the Trireme Trust on board, said the crew was short because many crews were training for Henley Regatta and that many students were studying for their finals. "We have emptied the ends of the ship so that the middle is full. That way we can demonstrate the three-level action, proving that the system is actually workable, which was denied for some time."

Chris Read, 25, an electronics engineer from Harlow, Essex, who has rowed for 11 years, said 40 women were on board because there was a height restriction of 5ft 11ins. "The most efficient people rowing at that height are going to be women," he said.

Mr Read said he had not trained for the outing because he rowed four or five times a week. "It requires you to be fit but you wouldn't have to do any more than you have to for normal rowing."

The rowing action in the trireme was different to normal rowing, he said. "You often have to row with bent arms to accommodate the next person. It's all down to timing. You have to get 170 people rowing together at one time. If you get that, the thing flies.

"The first time I did it, we got it going to 8.9 knots. The crew uses two ways to get in time, either they follow the instruction of the pulling master who can speak over a speaker system, but if that breaks down the whole crew count together to keep time."

The crew use the latest marine technology to take bearings from a satellite to work out their average speed of around seven knots.

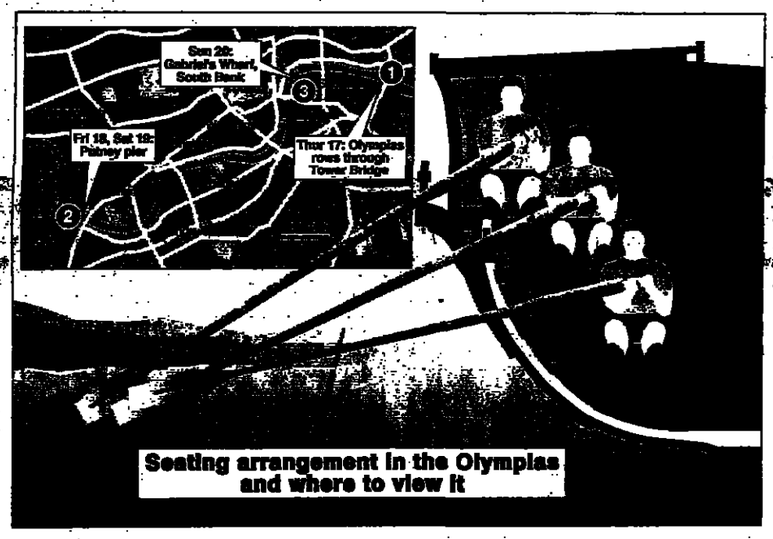
Art Cassanos, 40, an American lawyer, said: "When you get everybody rowing at the same time, it's a sensational feeling, like a boxer jabbing. You feel the prow as it hits the water with each stroke."

Henry Rogers, 58, a civil servant who rows at Thames Ditton, West London, said the average age of the crew was 45 years. "You might be quite surprised how fit the old people in the boat are. It's actually incredibly comfortable to row unless you're in the bottom row."

Democracy Week is a celebration to mark the 2,500th anniversary of the constitutional reforms introduced by Cleisthenes in Athens, which are regarded as the birth of democracy.

SIMON WALKER

Boating blues: rowers humming to keep time as they proceed up the Thames



Queen of the Mediterranean gave Athens naval supremacy

BY PHILIP HOWARD

FOR two centuries, the trireme was the queen of the Mediterranean and the warship of democracy. It was developed in the 7th century BC, probably by adding a third tier of rowers to earlier two-tiered warships to make them faster.

Early in the 5th century BC, the nascent democracy in Athens discovered silver at Laurium and used its windfall to build a fleet of triremes. The new wealth was also used to pay the crews, who were citizens not slaves.

Until the project to rebuild a trireme was launched in a letter from Professor John Morrison to *The Times* in 1975, surprisingly little was known about the specifications. Shipsheds uncovered at Piraeus show that it was a long, narrow ship, about 120ft long with a beam of only 15ft. It had a crew of 200, 170 of whom rowed in three banks, the rest being soldiers, archers and reserves.

The commanding officer was a rich citizen, called a trierarch, who fitted out the ship and paid the wages. It had a mast, mainsail and foresail for long-distance cruising but, because so many men were crammed into so small a space, it put in to land at night where possible. It was too crowded to carry provisions and water for more than 200 miles, and the crew, who were also the ballast, could not move around.

In 427 BC, a fast trireme was dispatched to Mytilene on Lesbos to countermand the assembly's original order to kill the men and enslave the women and children to punish them for revolting against the Athenian empire. The Mytilenean ambassadors at Athens gave the crew wine and barley, which they mixed with olive oil, to encourage them to row non-stop to overtake the first trireme with the original killing decree, which had had a start of 26 hours.

The secret weapon of the Athenian navy was the way the crews could manoeuvre to ram the enemy ships broadside. Triremes would twist, turn and reverse to avoid being rammed and to line up their own chance to ram.

Valuable lessons of naval architecture and man management are being learnt from this modern reconstruction, but we are never going to recapture completely the secrets of the first sea power.

Muscle power: the Lenormant relief, discovered in 1859, gave historians clues to the trireme's design

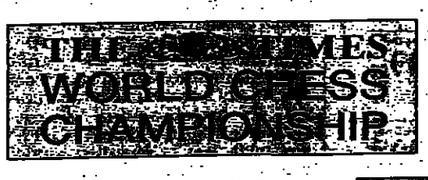
Handkerchief clue to tsar mystery

A TINY fragment of a bloodstained handkerchief is being analysed by Home Office scientists at Aldermaston who are trying to prove that bones found in Russia are those of the murdered Russian royal family.

The fragment, two millimetres square, comes from a handkerchief used to staunch the blood of Nicholas II, the last tsar, after he had been struck on the head by a policeman with a sabre during a visit to Japan in 1891 (Nigel Hawkes writes).

The Japanese preserved the relic and have reluctantly agreed to supply the fragment. The scientists will now try to match DNA from the dried blood with DNA from bones dug from a pit in eastern Russia.

Work on DNA from the bones has shown that they come from a family group, consistent with reports of the slaughter of the Romanovs in 1918. A link has been found between DNA from the Duke of Edinburgh and bones believed to be those of Tsaritsa Alexandra, his grandmother's sister. A link to the tsar is harder to establish and the scientists have been keen to obtain a sample that is known to be from him.



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BARRY Martin, the captain of the Chelsea Arts Club chess team, has proudly written to tell me that his team defeated the Oxford and Cambridge side in the Hamilton Russell Trophy for the London clubs competition. This meant that the Chelsea Arts Club finished in a highly creditable fourth place.

Ever since Garry Kasparov presented the prizes in the Chelsea Arts Club chess championship three years ago there has been tremendous activity on the chessboard among the artistic and literary fraternity.

The following up and down struggle occurred in a simultaneous display given by reigning British champion Julian Hodgson at the Chelsea Arts Club on June 3.

Having escaped from a dubious position earlier in the game, the white player graciously conceded a draw from a position of strength at the end of the game.

White: Barry Martin
Black: Julian Hodgson
Simultaneous display 1993

Torre Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	c5
3	Bg5	Na6
4	e3	Nxg5
5	Nxg5	e6
6	Nf3	Nc6
7	c3	Be7
8	Bb5	d5
9	0-0	0-0
10	Nbd2	Bd7
11	Bxc6	Bxc6
12	Re1	b6
13	e4	dxe4
14	Nxe4	Qc7
15	Nfg5	Rac8
16	Qh5	h6
17	Nf3	Qd7
18	Ned2	c4
19	Nxc4	Bd3
20	Qd3	Rxc4
21	Rad1	Re8
22	d5	exd5
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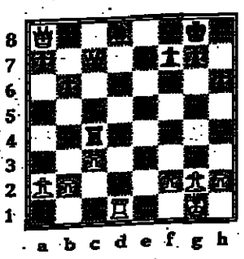
Diagram of final position



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The next grandmaster simultaneous display at the Chelsea Arts Club will be given by grandmaster Daniel King on July 8 at 6.30pm.

Trains and boats and planes

Julian Hodgson has just published The Chess Travellers *Quiz Book* (Cadogan £7.99). It consists of 200 test yourself positions in which readers are challenged to find the winning combination.

Talking of chess travellers, I would like to hear from readers of The Times about any regular chess played on forms of transport - a sort of beat the chess commuter. Let this column know.

Moving mountains

The Times World Chess Championship has caught the imagination of many enthusiasts around the country. Stewart Wavell, chairman of the Coulsdon and Purley Chess Club, has come up with an excellent idea to create "mountain guides" to teach newcomers the game.

He said: "Over the next few months, thousands of people will want to learn so they can share in the excitement of the World Championship in September. I would like everybody who plays chess to teach two other people to play".

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Schools spend with few checks

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE freedom of head teachers to spend unlimited amounts of money without seeking governors' approval is criticised by the Audit Commission in a report on schools that are newly responsible for budgets totalling almost £12 billion.

The report, published today, finds that most state schools have adapted well to managing their own finances. But accountability to governors was weak or non-existent in 40 per cent of schools, and some were failing to abide by normal rules for dispensing public funds.

In one school, the husband of a member of staff was employed to carry out repairs even though another quotation for the work was £2,500 lower. A head teacher employed her daughter to help with administration at a much higher rate than was paid to permanent staff.

The commission wants tighter limits on spending and more openness in the awarding of contracts. "There are 'green shoots' of questionable practice. Action is required to secure the probity of expenditure in a new environment where schools act autonomously," it says.

The commission also estimates that a quarter of schools are bad managers of their voluntary funds, worth £330 million. Some do not audit regularly and others pay cash for work but fail to record who receives the payments.

Almost all schools are keeping spending within their income, the report says, but some secondary schools have amassed unnecessarily large reserves of up to £200,000.

☐ *Adding up the sums* (HMSO, £8)

More pupils choosing to stay in education

BY BEN PRESTON,
EDUCATION REPORTER

RECORD numbers of young people are choosing to stay in full-time education, according to figures published yesterday.

They show that 71 per cent of 16-year-olds decided to remain in education in England this academic year, up from 48 per cent five years ago. The proportion of 17-year-olds staying on was up from 33 per cent to 55 per cent.

The trend is expected to continue, with the youth labour market sluggish and opportunities expanding in further education. However, England still lags behind competitors such as France, where 82 per cent of 16-year-olds are in full-time education and training, the United States (94 per cent), and Japan (93 per cent) and Sweden 84 per cent.

The government statistics show a small increase in the proportion of girls staying on. A-level and AS-level courses have become slightly less popular in the past five years.

Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, said he was delighted that young people were recognising the expanding opportunities and choice of academic and vocational qualifications. "We are putting in place three main qualifications pathways. New rigorous National Vocational Qualifications [NVQs] and General NVQs will stand alongside A and AS levels, and provide routes to employment and higher education."

Doug McAvoy, leader of the National Union of Teachers, said remaining in education represented a sensible option for young people in view of high unemployment. He also attributed the trend to the success of the GCSE examination, introduced five years ago.

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Hurd seeks to heal Tory divisions on Europe

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS Hurd is to spearhead an attempt to give the Conservative party a united front on Europe in an effort to prevent divisions marring its campaign in next year's European elections.

John Major has asked the foreign secretary to take charge of a special committee that is being established to write the manifesto for the elections, already being seen as a crucial mid-term test for the government and one that may be vital for the future of the prime minister.

With the Maastricht treaty having torn the Conservative party apart, Mr Major and Mr Hurd know they can neither afford a repetition next year nor in the run- up to Maastricht Mark 2, the next European inter-governmental conference in 1996 that will review the progress on economic and monetary union, and discuss the introduction of a single currency. This will almost certainly take place on the eve of the next British general election.

Mr Major has asked Mr Hurd to take over the delicate task of drawing up a European policy that the predominantly pro-European Tory candidates and Euro-sceptic MPs and ministers at Westminster can happily campaign on. His committee, which is likely to hold its first meeting in July and complete its task by the end of the year, is expected to represent all shades of party opinion and include ministers and backbenchers. He has told friends that he regards the job as difficult but not impossible. It is likely to form the basis of the government's European policy up to the 1996 conference.

Mr Hurd believes that the two sides can unite on the broad vision of a outward-looking free trade Europe enlarged to bring in the countries of Scandinavia and and the former Soviet bloc. Only two small groups at the extremes of the argument, one pushing for Britain to enter a federal Europe and the other which would prefer Britain to leave the European Community, are probably beyond satisfying, he believes.

The difficulties over the past year have come because of a genuine argument between the government and its critics over whether Maastricht does or does not take Britain further towards a federal Europe.

To the party's Euro-sceptics Maastricht is regarded as a bridge too far. But with Mr Major's hard-won opt outs on the social chapter and the single currency, and the gains on subsidiarity and greater inter-governmental co-operation, senior ministers believe they have succeeded in making the Community more decentralised. The manifesto will be a key factor in Mr Major's attempt to shape the future development of Europe, rather than allow Britain to trail behind others.

At the Scottish Conservative conference last month Mr Hurd delivered a passionate appeal for unity over Europe, urging the party to end the feuding over Maastricht. He said: "It is time to concentrate or arguing as one party for the future, not wrangling as a divided party about the past."

Giving a foretaste of the spirit of reconciliation that he hopes will characterise the manifesto process, Mr Hurd said that those who had challenged Maastricht did so out of honourable belief "because of nightmares by which they are genuinely haunted. But in the light of morning things look different."

Mr Hurd's move comes as the Maastricht bill reaches its detailed committee stage in the Lords next week. A cross-party amendment paving the way for a referendum was published yesterday and peers will vote on it later this month. But senior ministers are optimistic about the bill emerging from the Lords unscathed.

Mr Major and Mr Hurd travel to Copenhagen on Sunday for the European Council summit marking the end of the Danish presidency. A two-day summit in the autumn to look at post-Maastricht developments is expected to be agreed. Britain has little enthusiasm for the idea but is not expected to oppose it.

Battle lines: Douglas Hurd hopes to unify Tory strategy on the EC before next year's European elections

Major's reshuffle caution leaves cabinet vulnerable

HUGO YOUNG ON POLITICS

Did John Major miss an opportunity in his ministerial reshuffle three weeks ago? Virtually all the coverage has, understandably, concentrated on the replacement of Norman Lamont by Kenneth Clarke. But at Westminster there has been muttering among Tory MPs about whether he should have undertaken a broader shake-up.

The argument is that the Tories' political difficulties have been wider than just the former Chancellor. If the aim was, as Mr Major said, to refresh the government, other changes should have been made. Just dropping Mr Lamont made him appear even more of an isolated scapegoat.

The official explanation is that, having reorganised much of his cabinet after the election 14 months ago, he wanted to leave ministers in place so that they could get on top of their departments — the reverse of short-termism. He did not believe that any cabinet minister's record justified being dropped, hardly a universal view.

The full story reflects Mr Major's dislike of being pushed around. His inclination before the local elections had been against reshuffling the cabinet this year. He only agreed to replace Mr Lamont after much persuasion, principally from Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, that this was necessary since the Chancellor had become a liability in the country. He did not, however, believe that this should trigger wider cabinet changes other than the immediate consequences of Mr Lamont's departure.

Hence the moves at cabinet level were minimal. No one questions the promotion of Mr Clarke, or of Michael Howard to the Home Office and David Hunt to employment. Gillian Shephard wanted the move to agriculture, although this will test whether she can handle farmers.

The most puzzling move was that of John Gummer to environment. He has never made the transition from youthful, albeit energetic, gadfly to political heavyweight in the view of most commentators. His prominence in Church of England debates has damaged his reputation.

The official answer is only a partial endorsement. The environment department will not have important legislation in the next session and should have a lower profile. Mr Gummer's priority should be away from Westminster in implementing reorganisation of the county and district structure — a potential minefield — where he has expertise as a former local government minister and ex-party chairman.

Mr Major also disagrees with the criticisms by some Tory MPs of other ministers. Mr Major has repeatedly supported John Patten over his goals on the national curriculum, assessment and shaking up teacher training. So Mr Patten has another year to get the new system bedded in. Mr Major also supports William Waldegrave's approach on the citizen's charter, market testing in Whitehall and on science.

Some ministers do look dispensable. Just before the reshuffle Peter Brooke talked as if he expected to be recalled to the pavilion after a long, though interrupted, innings. There are still some obvious weaknesses at the middle and junior levels of government, notably in the Northern Ireland Office and trade and industry.

The outline of next year's reshuffle is already clear. The question is whether by delaying changes until then the government could remain politically vulnerable in several key areas. Mr Major's caution is understandable, but he could find that boldness next year comes too late.

PETER RIDDELL

Education review leads to shake-up

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

A FAR-reaching shake-up of the education department is likely to follow a comprehensive management review over the next six months to take account of changes in the running and financing of schools and universities.

The initiative, jointly discussed by John Major and John Patten, the education secretary, is likely to be announced within the next two days. It will involve advice from a leading firm of management consultants.

The review of the department's changed role for the 1990s has nothing to do with the continuing row over school testing. It follows similar reorganisations at the departments of health and trade and industry. Whitehall officials say the review of how the department works is because of the big changes now under way in education policy. Traditionally, the department has operated mainly via the local education authorities. But their role is being reduced by the spread of grant-maintained schools.

The creation, in the current education bill, of a new funding agency for schools and a new school curriculum and assessment authority has also altered past relationships between Whitehall and schools. Similarly, the new funding councils for universities and further education have altered the way department operates in relation to the other big recipients of funds.

Underlying these changes is the view of the prime minister and ministers that parts of the department are among the last bastions of the thinking of the 1960s and 1970s about education. Lady Thatcher always used to complain about the department when she was prime minister, partly in view of her own experience as education secretary in the early 1970s. But she did not alter the structure of the department.

The review follows changes among senior civil servants in the department and the appointment of an additional parliamentary under-secretary in the ministerial reshuffle three weeks ago.

MPs urge Smith to head off union clash

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S national executive is pressing John Smith to draw up a compromise on union reforms in an attempt to head off a confrontation with union leaders this autumn.

The NEC working party on trade union links is to be reconvened next week to sort out the dilemma now facing the Labour party over Mr Smith's proposals to select parliamentary candidates based on one member one vote.

Some MPs are determined to get a compromise by the end of this month to avert a hostile reception from the Transport and General Workers' Union when it votes on Mr Smith's proposals at its annual conference next month. Yesterday Mr Smith, speaking at the annual conference of the Confederation of Health Service Employees in Bridlington, gave little sign of backing down, insisting that the changes for parliamentary candidates had to be in place this October.

Members of the working party, which has not met since February, are concerned that the leadership and the trade unions are digging in their heels over Mr Smith's proposals, though the big unions are divided on what they want instead. The shadow cabinet is also expected to hold a special meeting on trade union links before the end of this month.

While Mr Smith is adamant about not backing down from the principle of one member one vote, he is being warned that a bitter row with the unions this autumn could jeopardise the party's chances of ever winning another election. "We have got to climb down or climb up to a compromise," one MP on the working party said yesterday.

The NEC working party is likely to explore two options: revamping Mr Smith's "levy plus" proposals to offer unions a reduced membership subscription or balloting trade unionists in branches affiliated to constituency parties. In addition it may recommend postponing a decision on reducing trade union involvement in leadership elections until next year.

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Britain plans summit to speed Hong Kong talks

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
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IN HONG KONG

Peking: On an appropriately rainy day, Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's ambassador to China, emerged from the Hong Kong negotiations to pour cold water on speculation that there had been a breakthrough in talks on greater democracy for the colony after the handover (Catherine Sampson writes). "We haven't got an outcome yet," Sir Robin said. Although repeating the British line that the time available for talks was not infinite, he said that there would be a sixth round. Sir Robin told journalists not to believe speculation that the British side was willing to make concessions on functional constituencies.

FRUSTRATION and impatience are gripping the Hong Kong government and Whitehall at the lack of progress in Peking negotiations on the possibilities for broader democracy in the colony.

What is euphemistically described as a "regular consultation" in London between June 30 and July 2 will in fact be a crisis meeting on the future of the negotiations chaired by John Major, and attended by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Chris Patten, the colony's governor, and Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to Peking, Michael Heseltine, president of the Board of Trade, and Malcolm Rifkind, defence secretary.

The diplomatic megaphone down which China has been shouting "insincere" and "the Patten plan is invalid" for weeks, has been snatched away by the British, who in somewhat lower tones are employing it themselves. Mr Patten yesterday insisted, as Sir Robin did two days earlier, that it is the British who are acting sincerely, and that it would be a good thing if sincerity were exhibited "all round".

Travelling with Mr Patten to London is Michael Sze, Hong Kong's secretary for constitutional affairs, and a member of the Peking negotiating team. If he attends the cabinet-level meetings he will be the first Hong Kong citizen to be publicly included at such a virtual summit. Peking, which attempted unsuccessfully to keep Mr Sze and Peter Lai, his deputy, off the British team, will charge that this is yet another example of Britain's imposing a "three-legged stool" on what should be a bilateral process between two sovereign powers. It is being suggested here that when the sixth round of Peking talks starts next week — the latest round ended yesterday — it will be as if nothing has been accomplished. It has already been noted that "these talks are getting nowhere", and everyone, in Peking and in Hong Kong, is recalling Mr Hurd's warning in the Commons last week that the talks "cannot go on indefinitely".

No one is suggesting that Britain is going to break off the negotiations. For the moment at least this would be politically disastrous in Hong Kong where public opinion, while fearful of China, wants something to happen in Peking to ease the tension between the two countries. But it is also emphasised that while the talks will probably extend well past the Legislative Council's summer recess and into September, thus forestalling the council's early consideration of any settlement concluded in Peking, Mr Patten is determined not stand in front of the council in October and announce further delays.

There is one other possibility for Peking's stubbornness: it is waiting for London to crack, to pull the rug out from under Mr Patten. Peking remembers the negotiations which in 1984 established that China would resume sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997, where, after a period of politically-correct resistance, the British gave in.

The Chinese will again be looking for hairline fractures in British resolve when the cabinet-level meeting convenes in London.

☐ **Peking:** China faces social upheaval unless greater attention is paid to improving the living standard of its 900 million peasants, Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, was quoted in a magazine as saying. *(AFP)*

Focal point: Ronald Li, former chairman of Hong Kong's Stock Exchange, was mobbed by the press on his release from prison after serving two years and eight months of a four-year sentence for corruption. Mr Li, 63, who ran the market "like a private club" until his downfall in the 1987 crash, said his career, in which he made hundreds of millions of dollars, was over. "I'm an old man now, it's time to retire," he said. In 1990 he was convicted of accepting rewards to support the listing of two companies on the stock market. *(Reuter)*

Miyazawa tested as opposition woos LDP rebels

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

DISPLAYING a degree of militancy not normally associated with the opposition in Japan, the Socialists and four other parties yesterday tabled a no-confidence motion in the cabinet of Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister.

The vote, in the lower house of the Diet this morning, is an attempt by the opposition to force an extension of the parliamentary session. If successful, it would head off the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's decision to shelve a bill to clean up Japan's political system.

The LDP has a majority of 60 seats in the 496-seat chamber, but leaders of the Socialist party claimed last night they had sufficient support to win the vote. Such an outcome would require the support of disgruntled members of the LDP, who have turned reformist after witnessing decades of procrastination. The LDP elite is clearly reluctant to introduce reforms as any change would dismantle the system of favours to which they owe their positions.

A reformist LDP faction, led by Tsutomu Hata, the former finance minister, announced last night that it would tip the balance in favour of the motion by boycotting the vote. Passage of the motion would force a dissolution of the lower house and a general election.

The political reform bill, which has triggered a rumbustious performance from the opposition, and which on Tuesday gave rise to a fist-fight in the corridors of the Diet, proposes a change from the current electoral system of multi-seat constituencies, a system prone to manipulation by party factions. The proposed system would be based on single-seat constituencies and tighter controls on funding.

The bill was introduced after senior LDP and opposition party leaders became embroiled in the multibillion dollar Sagawa Kyubin bribery scandal and the electorate was perceived to be in need of reassurance. The public has seen this sort of posturing before, however, as the bill made an appearance in the mid-1970s after the Lockheed scandal. It has been dusted down and reintroduced — but never passed — following every subsequent political corruption scandal.

As Japan prepares to host the G7 summit early next month, this is considered to be no time for the opposition to court LDP rebels and risk political disorder. Mr Miyazawa will be doing all he can to utilise the familiar system of rewards and favours to tempt Mr Hata and his followers back into the fold.

How firm their reformist convictions are will become evident in the Diet today.

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Miyazawa: has to tempt dissidents to return

Cambodia parties agree interim deal

FROM REUTER IN PHNOM PENH

LEADERS of Cambodia's two main political parties agreed yesterday to share power in an interim administration until a constitution can be written.

Sok An, cabinet chief for Hun Sen, the prime minister, said: "I can assure you the formula for co-chairmen has been accepted by all parties."

He had just emerged from a meeting between the newly-elected constituent assembly members and Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the head of state, who had proposed the formula in a letter to the parties early yesterday. He called for a government with two co-chairmen, his son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, winner of last month's UN-run elections, and Hun Sen.

Sok An said further talks were necessary to resolve the question of military leadership and allot cabinet portfolios. Prince Sihanouk had proposed that Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, military chief of the UN forces in Cambodia, take command until the UN's mandate expired in September.

Son Sann, a former prime minister whose Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party won ten seats in the 120-seat assembly, turned down an offer to be the interim government's vice-chairman, Sok An said. Government radio reported that Son Sann had, however, accepted the power-sharing plans of the two larger parties.

Officials from Funcinpec, the royalist party, were not immediately available for comment. But they had earlier said they expected agreement on the latest proposal by Prince Sihanouk.

Khmer Rouge guerrillas, who boycotted the election, called yesterday for the formation of a provisional government that gave Prince Sihanouk "real power, not just power in principle". The assembly has three months to write a constitution and will then form a government.

A secessionist movement led by ruling party hardliners in eastern Cambodia was meanwhile falling apart. Prince Norodom Chakrapong, its leader, who is half-brother and political enemy of Prince Ranariddh, fled to Vietnam with some of his armed followers on Tuesday morning.

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Washington sceptics shrug off talk of Cuban overtures

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

■ **Cuba may be launching a diplomatic offensive to end the 30-year US trade embargo. The issue of compensation, however, blocks the path to rapprochement**

CUBA appears to be ready to open a new relationship with the United States but the State Department has responded with scepticism to reports that Havana is willing to negotiate over compensation for American properties confiscated after the revolution in 1959.

With its economy in an increasingly desperate state, elements of the communist government appear ready to seek ways out of the dilemma posed by the loss of East European connections. The stance follows what experts say are the latest signs of economic collapse and cutbacks in the armed forces.

The announcement is believed to be part of a full-scale diplomatic assault by Cuba to improve relations with America and end a 30-year-old trade embargo with the island, according to observers.

Since the loss of subsidies and eastern trade links, Cuba's economy has disintegrated as food and fuel shortages have halted industry and brought about rationing.

Last month Cuba announced that bad weather, and shortages of fuel and spare parts, had resulted in a disastrous 4.2 million ton sugar harvest, its lowest in 30 years and 50 per cent less than harvests in the 1980s. Cuba has been the world's largest sugar producer and relies on the crop for 60 to 70 per cent of all foreign income.

Energy problems have led to prolonged power cuts. Doctors say food shortages are contributing to a mysterious eye disease that has affected 39,000 Cubans. According to the World Health Organisation the symptoms of the disease, which was first detected in April, have altered to cause fever and weight loss, as well as blindness.

Military cutbacks were first announced in April by Raul Castro, the armed forces minister and the president's brother, but he did not say how deep the cuts would be. With a population of 11 million people, Cuba has an estimated 380,000 regular troops and 1.5 million trained militia, as well as 65,000 armed interior ministry officers.

Experts say the latest cuts were inevitable because fuel shortages and a chronic lack of spare parts have made it impossible for some mechanised units to function. Ironically, news of the cuts came as senior Cuban and Russian military officials disclosed plans to increase military cooperation, which had been reduced since the break-up of the Soviet Union.

A US State Department official said yesterday that even if the reports were true, this by itself would not constitute a new Cuban position. He added further that Washington had received no official diplomatic approaches.

Cuban officials in Washington also poured cold water on the reports from the Prensa Latina news agency in Havana, which appeared to suggest that it was trying to normalise relations with Washington. A spokesman for the Cuban diplomatic mission yesterday emphatically denied that Cuba was about to launch a new diplomatic initiative.

The Castro government seized 2.5 million acres of ranch land, oil and sugar refineries, hotels and casinos. In the past Cuba accepted the principle that compensation be included in normalisation talks, but it also coupled compensation with countervailing claims estimated at $40 billion (£26 billion) for economic damage from the embargo. Cuba also wants withdrawal of US troops from the base at Guantanamo Bay.

Force for change: troops riding bicycles in this year's Havana Workers Day parade — a far cry from the military hardware featured in earlier parades

Clinton battles to reassert America's world influence

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ **Stung by criticism and accused of a lack of vision, the Clinton administration has launched an initiative that lists foreign policy successes in the world's troublespots**

UNDER fire for its lack of world leadership, the Clinton administration has sent all its ambassadors a confidential cable listing what it considers to be nine important foreign policy accomplishments since taking office.

Bosnia, the main international problem, does not appear on the list, which one senior American diplomat called "part apologia, part pep talk". Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, did include the replacement of American troops in Somalia by a United Nations force, but the cable had barely been sent before American forces were back, leading punitive strikes against a Mogadishu warlord.

On Tuesday, President Clinton denied "wavering" on Bosnia. His decision had been to arm the Muslims and protect them with air strikes in the interim. He protested that "the Europeans wouldn't go along" with that, and he could not lift the UN arms embargo unilaterally. He believed the allies might have to adopt his solution "if they want to get anything done over there", but officials said he was not planning a new effort to persuade them.

The administration, preoccupied with domestic problems, has been increasingly criticised for apparent lack of vision and attention to foreign affairs at a time when the world badly needs strong leadership. Peter Tarnoff, undersecretary of state for political affairs, recently reinforced that perception with a widely-publicised speech saying America planned to play a smaller post-Cold war leadership role because of its economic weakness.

Mr Christopher, an introverted man who *Time* magazine recently dubbed "Secretary of Shhhhh", disavowed the Tarnoff speech and embarked on a public relations counteroffensive, of which the June 7 cable seems part.

All but conceding the administration's slow start, Mr Christopher told his ambassadors that it had inherited an agenda "overflowing with crises and potential disasters", and had had to spend much of its time and energy "navigating between submerged rocks and whirlpools on every continent".

America had rallied international support for Russia, relaunched the Middle East peace talks, and helped thwart the coup in Guatemala. It had made progress towards restoring democracy in Haiti, and reversing North Korea's nuclear threat. It had increased support for the Iraqi opposition and advanced its economic interests abroad.

Christopher: cable sets out policy successes

Apart from Somalia, the nine accomplishments also included the conditional extension of China's preferential trading status, although some Americans saw that as a reversal of Mr Clinton's campaign rhetoric. Mr Christopher argued, in contrast to earlier statements, that Bosnia was "not central to our vital interests", but claimed America was leading the search for peace.

The president is about to take another decision with international repercussions. Congressional Democrats are intensifying pressure on him not to resume nuclear testing when the moratorium expires on July 1, and it is unclear whether he has the political strength to resist them.

Britain, the Pentagon and the State Department support a plan permitting nine more tests — three of them British — before 1996 to ensure the safety and reliability of newly-developed weapons. But 22 Democratic senators, backed by the Energy Department and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, have written to Mr Clinton to say new tests would encourage Russia, France and China to follow suit and make it hard to dissuade smaller countries from pursuing nuclear programmes.

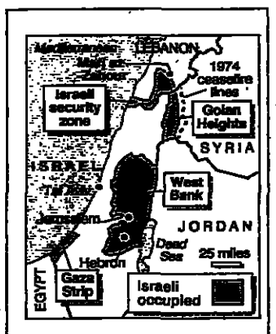
The Pentagon has ordered American warships carrying helicopters and more than 2,000 Marines to move south in the Indian Ocean to be on standby for possible action in Somalia. A Pentagon spokesman said that "the ships have not received orders yet to proceed to Somalia", but that they were being ordered to move to the Strait of Hormuz after having left the Gulf last week. The amphibious force on the move includes the *Guam*, a helicopter assault ship.

At a news conference in the White House, President Clinton yesterday defended UN action in Somalia. He said, "You can't have these kinds of conflicts and expect them to be brutal and illegal on one side and then have a response and expect that there will be nothing controversial about it."

He conceded that there might have been unresolved questions regarding the shooting of 20 Somali civilians, who were killed at a demonstration by Pakistani peacekeeping troops, and he promised that "we need to get to the bottom of it" in an investigation, which may well recommend a change in procedures. But he added the incident should not distract from the overall purpose of the UN operation.

He said that the "ultimate goal is to restore the conditions of peace which existed before the Pakistanis were murdered. The ultimate goal is to make sure that the United Nations can fulfil its mission there and continue to work with the Somalis toward nation building."

□ *Mogadishu:* Trucks trundled out of Mogadishu port yesterday, signalling the resumption of relief operations halted a week ago to pave way for UN air raids. Three trucks, cheered by a large crowd of Somalis, ferried 90 tonnes for distribution to feeding centres which closed last week after aid workers were evacuated to neighbouring Kenya. *(Reuter)*



US offers security on Golan deal

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

AMERICA has offered to provide security guarantees for the Golan Heights if Israel agrees to turn over the disputed territory to Syria as part of a wider Middle East peace accord.

The offer, announced by Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, signals a keen American interest to achieve progress in the tenth round of Middle East peace talks which started in Washington this week amid widespread scepticism.

The move indicates that the United States is prepared to move away from its role of a passive facilitator, which it had originally sought, towards that of an active participant.

There was even less optimism about the second important bilateral negotiation process between Israel and the Palestinians. The Palestinians reject an Israeli offer of limited self-rule in some areas of domestic policy unless it is made in the context of an agreement that sets out in some detail the notion of self-rule and provides for a definite commitment by Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

'Stomp on pomp' puts banquets off president's menu

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

DIPLOMATIC receptions inside the White House used to be among Washington's most elegant affairs, but last night's gathering was held outside in a marquee on the lawn and the dress code was downgraded from black tie to "business attire". Women were advised to wear flat shoes for the grass.

It was the latest example of President Clinton's decision to cut down on pomp and ceremony at the White House. For the time being at least, state dinners are on hold. That means no more sumptuous evening banquets with dancing and musical interludes, such as the Reagans and Bushes laid on for Lady Thatcher and other visiting foreign leaders.

It also means no more 21-gun salutes, marching bands and stilted speeches of welcome, like the unfortunate occasion when Mr Bush forgot to raise a speaking platform for the Queen and reduced her to the status of a "talking hat".

So far, the Clintons have held only one formal White House dinner and that was for US governors ten days after moving in. Since then, the presidents of France and Egypt and the prime ministers of Israel, Germany, Japan, Canada and Britain have received only a no-frills working lunch or dinner, with a small military honour guard on the way in and a presidential gift on the way out.

The dinner for John Major, held in a White House family dining room, was described by Clinton officials as four hours of quality time for the two leaders that would not have been possible in a banquet setting.

"We saved time and money," said one White House aide. "To say we're not going to have any more state dinners is incorrect," said Neel Lattimore, a spokesman for Hillary Clinton's office where social events are organised, "but it's true that we don't have any scheduled." Indeed, no one is sure when the bunting and red carpet will be rolled out again for visiting royalty or other foreign dignitaries.

This retreat from an imperial presidency has been tried before. Another former southern governor, President Carter cut back on pomp and later admitted he had gone too far. Before leaving office, he restored the military bands and authorised a revival of *Hail to the Chief*, a fanfare played only for the president. "I enjoyed it," he wrote in his memoirs.

The Clintons' down-home style was described by *The Washington Post* as an attempt to "stomp on pomp". Although the couple have held many private dinners, conservatives express dismay over the demise of banquets and other ceremonies that showed the world America could put on the style when needed.

"The Clintons don't seem to understand that you're not supposed to treat a chief of state like a neighbour who drops in," complained Betty Beale, longtime doyenne of Washington's society columnists. One social secretary shuddered at the relaxation of dress codes. Why, she said, people might as well show up at the White House in sneakers and jeans. Little did she know that some already have, most notably at the White House barbecue for journalists last Sunday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nigeria election result held up

Abuja: Nigeria's national electoral commission yesterday suspended the announcement of the results of Saturday's presidential elections pending the outcome of a court injunction instituted by supporters of continued military rule (Elizabeth Obadina writes).

The suspension was announced in the capital, Abuja, in a statement by Humphrey Nwosu, the commission chairman, who said it was "in deference to the court injunction and other actions pending in courts". Groans of despair went up from a crowd which had waited all day outside the commission's headquarters, expecting to hear the victor of the first election after a decade of military rule.

"It's frustrating, painful. Nigerian people have waited to see the end of military rule. Now the country's democratic future has been put in doubt," Chief Dayo Abatan, assistant to Chief Moshood Abiola, presidential candidate of the Social Democratic Party, said. Chief Abiola was far ahead in results from 14 of 30 states.

Rao accused in cash scandal

Delhi: The government of P. V. Narasimha Rao was plunged into fresh turmoil yesterday after Harshad Mehta, accused in the 50-billion rupee (£1 billion) Indian share market fraud, said he had donated ten million rupees to the prime minister for his election in 1991 (Coomi Kapoor writes).

Mr Rao and his Congress (I) party have denied the claim. But his opponents in the party are bound to use it to further their bid to remove him as party leader.

Aids tops death list in five states

Washington: Aids has overtaken accidents, murders, cancer and heart disease as the leading killer of young men in 64 American cities and five states (Martin Fletcher writes).

In 1990, the disease accounted for 61 per cent of all deaths in San Francisco among men aged 25 to 44, 43 per cent in Miami, 35 per cent in New York and 33 per cent in Washington, according to the national Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Banda's defeat celebrated

Blantyre: Malawians celebrated in the streets as an official commission reported that 63 per cent had voted for plural democracy in a referendum, against 35 per cent for continuing one-party rule by President Banda's Malawi Congress Party.

The opposition will now press for speedy installation of a multiparty transitional government to draw up a democratic constitution and elections by the end of the year. President Banda has promised to respect the result. *(Reuter)*

Vindicated brother ends exile after Collor's impeachment

BY DAVID ADAMS, LATIN AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

A YEAR after leaving his country because of death threats against his two children, Pedro Collor de Mello, brother of Brazil's impeached president, is preparing to return home this month from exile in Miami.

When he left Brazil in July last year after making dramatic accusations about his brother's involvement in a corruption scandal, he was branded by his family as a liar, bent on destroying President Collor. But in September, as a direct result of those accusations, the president was impeached.

The brothers have not spoken in almost two years. On Tuesday, as the former president appeared before a judge in Brazil to answer charges of corruption, a vindicated Senhor Collor pondered his brother's fate from a bayside apartment in Miami's fashionable Coconut Grove.

"Fernando was like an emperor, very distant, very cold," he said. "Power corrupted him. He wanted to be a dictator," he added, describing private conversations in which he says his brother discussed staying in power for 30 years.

During his stay in Miami Senhor Pedro Collorde Mello, 39, wrote a book about his brother, *Writing It Up: The Story of an Impostor*. Since publication in Brazil in April the astonishing tale of intrigue in Brazil's first family has sold 100,000 copies.

The book describes how the brothers were heavy cocaine users, how President Collor, 44, associated with prostitutes and held black-magic ceremonies with his wife, Rosane, during which the couple stuck pins in effigies of Senhor Collor.

The book also details how the president allowed aides to extort millions of pounds in bribes from businessmen. Many of the allegations have been corroborated by evidence compiled by an official commission of enquiry in Brazil.

After Senhor Collor made the first corruption allegations, his mother signed a letter declaring him insane and dismissed him from his job as manager of a family media empire in the state of Alagoas. "Fernando made her do it. He thought, 'Who is going to investigate the accusations of someone who is described by his own mother as a madman?' "

Senhor Collor said his brother offered him, through intermediaries, $25 million (£16.5 million) to abandon the family business and go abroad. "That's when I decided to do something. I told myself, 'Does he think I'm such a bargain?' " he said. "But I never thought it would end in impeachment."

In exile Senhor Collorhas run an import-export business, while his wife, Teresa, deals in antiques and silk flowers. On his return he hopes to buy back part of the family business which includes a television station, a newspaper and three radio stations.

He has also been tipped for a future in politics, possibly as the governor of Alagoas. It was from that job that his brother ascended to the presidency.

Duo resurfaces from troubled water

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

PAUL Simon and Art Garfunkel may still not be exactly crazy about each other after all these years but the immensely popular 1960s singing duo has agreed to reunite for a series of concerts in New York next October.

The relationship between the two musicians has gone through some troubled water over the past four decades. They split up in 1970 over artistic differences, but then reunited in 1981 for a concert in Central Park which was attended by a record-breaking 500,000 people.

But Garfunkel was left feeling less than groovy and made his feelings known in 1991 when Simon held another concert in Central Park, but failed to invite him.

The decision to get together this year has been hailed by the pop world as the long-awaited rendezvous of sundered spirits, and tickets for the ten-concert series have already sold out. But in dual interviews with *The New York Times* published yesterday, the pair offered, as usual, rather different perspectives.

Simon and Garfunkel: tickets for their ten-concert series in New York have already sold out

While Simon calls his friendship with Garfunkel, dating back to when they both attended Forest Hills High School in the borough of Queens, "very complex and very hard to describe", Garfunkel believes it is "full of wonderful, potential blending ...: it's remarkably timeless, the vibe between us ... larger than personality, larger than ego". But where they appear to differ most radically is over whether the concerts might lead to further collaboration, and a new record release.

Simon insists they are "recapturing as purely as possible what was, not working out something new or recording again". But Garfunkel says: "It would very much be my hope that we could make an album together." The problem, he said, is Simon. "He makes it clear he has a Paul Simon agenda. I have an Art Garfunkel agenda, too, but that doesn't keep me from making an album with him."

According to those who claim to know, the agenda problem is specifically that Garfunkel has the better singing voice and Simon is the more accomplished composer: thus Simon wants to concentrate on his musical development (he is currently writing a musical with Derek Walcott, the Nobel Prize-winning Caribbean poet) and Garfunkel, who has just finished his eighth solo album, wants to sing songs.

The pair have gradually approached each other in the past few years about the possibility of playing together again. In fact, despite the organisers' claims, October's concert is not technically the first reunion since 1981. They managed to bear each others' company for 30 minutes when they gave two charity shows on Broadway last year, and appeared at a benefit concert in Los Angeles last March.

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Kohl widens police powers and offers Turks concessions

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ The German chancellor's offensive against xenophobia stopped short of Turkish demands for dual citizenship, while he is is seen by many as lacking sensitivity

HELMUT Kohl, under pressure to act against neo-Nazi violence, yesterday promised stronger police powers and civil rights concessions for Turks and other long-term foreign residents in Germany.

Although the chancellor's speech was dressed up as a "broad, offensive" against xenophobia, it stopped far short of meeting Turkish demands for dual citizenship. "We wanted a clear voice here against racism and against right-wing extremism," Gregor Gysi, of the left-wing Party for Democratic Socialism, said last night, "but we have not yet heard it".

Herr Kohl was criticised after the arson attack on a Turkish family in Solingen last month. He did not go to the scene of the crime where five Turks were killed, nor did he attend their funeral. Yesterday Herr Kohl tried to make amends by expressing sympathy for the survivors. In the fortnight since the Solingen attack there have been more than a hundred reported assaults on foreigners, including a dozen attempts to set fire to hostels and flats occupied by Turks. The hope was that the chancellor would send an unambiguous signal. Instead he devoted almost as much of his speech to the notional threat of Turkish and Kurdish extremism — they have been playing on the anger of ordinary Turks and have been stirring up demonstrations — as to more fundamental problem of right-wing German radicalism.

In his speech to parliament, he held out the prospect of broader police powers. "At the moment the police have their hands tied behind their backs until a crime is committed. The absurd result is that they have to wait until the burning starts," he said.

The chancellor proposed that there should be a more intensive exchange of information about the far right between federal agencies and regional police forces. The police should also have the right to ignore data protection laws in researching the background of neo-Nazi sympathisers. Penal laws should be tightened for grievous bodily harm. However, Herr Kohl did not announce the outlawing of any further neo-Nazi parties — three were banned last autumn — even though one of the arsonists of Solingen was a card-carrying member of the German People's Union, the fastest growing of the far right parties.

Herr Kohl said he was in principle against multiple citizenship of any kind but that some variants could be considered. One possibility would be to give double citizenship right to Turks born in Germany until they are aged 18. They would then have to choose whether they wanted to be Turks or Germans.

As Herr Kohl spoke, a few hundred invited children were playing in the chancellor's garden — an annual event with balloons, a roundabout, and free sweets, designed to show the Bonn government's regard for Germany's younger generation. Very few Turkish children had been invited.

France tightens immigration laws

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE French parliament put the finishing touches yesterday to new laws to keep out foreigners, a drive which is earning great popularity for the new conservative government at a time of rising hostility to immigrants and non-white residents.

"France is not an El Dorado, nor some kind of new frontier for all the miseries of the world," Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, told parliament this week. M Pasqua drew applause across the country earlier this month when he proclaimed his goal was "zero immigration". He amended the remark a day later to mean no illegal immigration.

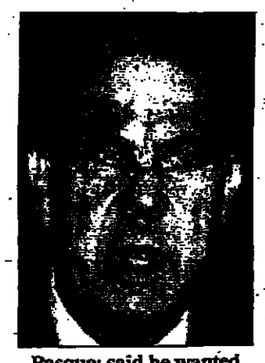
"France is a country that intends to keep control of its identity," he told parliament this week. "France intends to define the quality and origin of those who are or will be identified with the national community."

Anti-racist rights groups, the Catholic and protestant churches and the small group of opposition Socialist deputies condemn the crackdown as an incitement to racism and violence, emotions which have surfaced when recession and unemployment are generating intolerance and provocative acts.

On Saturday, vandals wrecked 94 tombs in a Jewish cemetery near the southwestern city of Perpignan. Martin Malvy, the Socialist parliamentary leader, said the latest bill "is dangerous, because the law reinforces the idea that all our ills are due to the immigrant population. It writes xenophobic tendencies into law." However, a few hours in any French city are enough to convince any observer that opinion strongly favours the clampdown.

Among the new measures, non-EC foreigners will find it harder to obtain or renew residence papers or invite family members to visit. Non-EC spouses of resident Britons are already meeting new hurdles to remain on French soil. Mayors will be empowered to refuse permission to any resident to invite foreigners to stay in their homes and for a French citizen to marry a foreigner, while handing the matter over to police.

Political asylum, a French tradition, will in future be handled by M Pasqua's police force instead of the foreign ministry, as before.



Pasqua: said he wanted "zero immigration"

Cultural right: an Indio woman from Bolivia in traditional hat listening to a speech on indigenous people

China leads Asian challenge to the principle of universal human rights

FROM MATTHEW D'ANCONA IN VIENNA

A GROUP of Asian countries led by China stepped up its challenge to the principle of universal liberties yesterday at the United Nations human rights conference in Vienna.

British officials expressed concern at the abrasiveness of the official Chinese statement to the conference, which says that "there are no absolute individual rights and freedoms...except those prescribed by and within the framework of law. Nobody shall place his own rights and interests above those of the state".

The Chinese document, which has become the key text of the attack on the 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights, also asserts "the right of each country to formulate its own policies on human rights protection".

The Singapore delegation yesterday advised "realism" rather than "abstraction" in discussion of human rights. "You can strike a realistic balance between the ideal of universality and the reality of diversity if you adopt a clinical approach," its delegation said. Malaysia, Indonesia and Bangladesh are also raising objections to the status quo on human rights.

In a typical example of the disorganisation surrounding the conference, Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, was unable to deliver his scheduled speech because of delays on the podium. Giving an impromptu press conference before flying back to London, Mr Hogg said cultural diversity had to be respected within a framework of universal human rights.

"Claims by governments that 'regional particularities' justify depriving people of their human rights are not supported by those on the receiving end of such a policy," he said.

Mr Hogg added that subordinating human rights to development was "a serious political and social heresy". The British delegation gave official support yesterday to proposals for a UN high commissioner on human rights, one of the most contentious items on the conference agenda. Ibrahima Fall, the conference's Senagalese secretary-general, is being tipped to be appointed the first high commissioner if the new office is approved in Vienna.

The 1,300 non-governmental organisations present at the conference alleged yesterday that they had been excluded from the committees drawing up the final declaration, after the Chinese delegation threatened to walk out if they were present at the meetings. The conference's statement will be finalised in the next week and a half, as delegates seek to resolve key differences over the link between development and human rights, the linkage of aid to human rights and the future of UN institutions.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Armenia accused of new offensive

Baku: Azerbaijan's divided and embattled government yesterday accused Armenia of taking advantage of the country's internal conflict to launch a major offensive in Nagorno Karabakh (Anatol Lieven writes). This would be in clear breach of the spirit of the peace process, brokered by the United States, Turkey and Russia, and signed by the government of Armenian-controlled Nagorno-Karabakh only two days ago.

Under pressure from President Levon Ter-Petrossian of Armenia as well as the international community, the government of Nagorno-Karabakh agreed to the peace plan but asked for a delay to persuade radical commanders to accept it. It may be these commanders who are now launching the offensive.

Arif Aliev, the presidential spokesman, said Azerbaijan had protested about what he called "a major Armenian offensive against the region's of Agdere and Agdan". Agdere lies in the north of Nagorno-Karabakh and was captured by the Azerbaijanis last year. Agdan is in Azerbaijan proper.

Revolt marked

Johannesburg: Millions of black South Africans stayed away from work to mark the 17th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto uprising by schoolchildren protesting against the enforcement of Afrikaans as the language of instruction in black schools. *(Reuter)*

Rouble threat

Moscow: Russia, which is pressing neighbouring republics to abandon the rouble zone to ease its fight against inflation, has told Belarussia to adopt its own currency by July 1 or heed Russian monetary policy. *(Reuter)*

Awards opened

Brisbane: Organisers of the Miss Australia awards have invited entries from men after Damian Taylor, a lifesaver, won one of the qualifying competitions on the Queensland Gold Coast. A Mr Oz category is being considered. *(Reuter)*

Fatal yearning

Dania, Florida: A six-year-old girl committed suicide by stepping in front of a train so she could become an angel and watch over her terminally ill mother, according to the girl's aunt. *(Reuter)*

Croats flee as Muslims ransack town

BY TIM JUDAH BALKANS CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK: The major powers have rejected a proposal by the United Nations to create two new "safe areas" in Bosnia (James Bone writes). Diplomats said that UN officials drawing up plans for strengthening the UN presence in the UN-designated havens wanted to add both Mostar and Brcko to the list of six named by the security council.

The council voted last week to strengthen the UN presence in the six areas, authorising the use of force, including air power. But the resolution's sponsors — Britain, France, Russia, Spain, and the United States — told UN planners that not only did they not want to provide the 34,000 troops the UN estimated would be needed to defend the safe areas, but that they did not want Brcko and Mostar added to the list.

THOUSANDS of Croats were in flight yesterday as victorious Bosnian Muslim forces began to attack Kakanj. United Nations sources said the fall of the town was a major blow to Croat forces and that its capture, along with the surrounding area, meant that about 10,000 people had been uprooted.

Barry Frewer, the UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said peacekeepers in the region described it as "looking like a big supermarket ... because of the ransacking which has been going on".

The fighting in central Bosnia-Herzegovina prompted Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to concede yesterday that British troops would be withdrawn "if the situation deteriorates further to the point where we and others feel that the risk had become undue".

The fall of Kakanj came a day after all three sides in the Bosnian civil war signed a new truce. UN sources reported, however, that the truce was ignored. For the second time in two weeks Croat refugees, including 500 soldiers, sought sanctuary in territory controlled by their former enemies, the Bosnian Serbs. Meanwhile, UN observers were reported to be on their way to the Serb-besieged eastern town of Gorazde.

While the three armies in Bosnia remained locked in combat and Serbs and Croats clashed in Croatia, their political masters met for a renewed bout of talking in Geneva with Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the peace negotiators. Simultaneous talks between Croats and Serbs from their self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina within Croatia were also held in Geneva.

Three and half hours after talks began, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia left, saying: "According to the news there was a bombardment of Gorazde today and not only that but tanks and ground troops are going in. I cannot continue these talks."

Lord Owen said before the talks that while he was willing to make modifications to the moribund Vance-Owen peace plan, its spirit would remain unchanged. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, arrived in Geneva saying that he wanted a Bosnian confederation of independent Serb, Croat and Muslim states. This has always been rejected by the international community because it is seen as a figleaf for the formal partition of Bosnia.

Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, was also in Geneva. He was believed to be trying to dissuade President Tudjman of Croatia from launching a massive attack on Krajina before the Serbs there hold a referendum this weekend. The Krajina Serbs will vote on the unification of their republic with the Bosnian Serbs and tension in the area is running high.

Diplomats said that while no radical new plans were on the table Lord Owen had convened the Geneva meetings to keep all parties talking.

Alexander's name rallies a modern legion

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, IN THESSALONIKA

ALEXANDER the Great is on the warpath again. The emperor's name is the rallying cry for the people of the Macedonian region of Greece, as they talk of war with their northern neighbour, the former Yugoslav republic of the same name.

What started as a seemingly semantic squabble, with Greece objecting to the word Macedonia being used by the Skopje regime, has brought to the boil a poisonous cauldron of religious and ethnic hatreds. In the labyrinthine world of Balkan politics, it is a dispute threatening to rekindle old feuds across the region, from Turkey to Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Albania.

Many Greeks are outraged by Skopje's insistence that it will retain the name, saying they fear their northern neighbour harbours territorial ambitions on Greek Macedonia. They also believe a Muslim plot is afoot with extremists in Bulgaria, Turkey, Albania and Skopje conspiring to dilute the Orthodox Christian religion in the area.

The situation is made even more complicated and dangerous because Greeks have a long history of friendship with Serbia, both sharing the Orthodox religion and — alone in the region — having fought against Hitler during the second world war. Although the Macedonia dispute alone is still unlikely to provoke fighting, attitudes are hardening. An outbreak of violence between Serbs and ethnic Albanians in the edgy Serbian province of Kosovo would almost certainly lead to an Orthodox-Muslim conflict throughout the region.

A solution seemed to slip further away last week, when Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, indicated that debate on the issue was being postponed until after the general election. The Greek poll is due next April, but may be brought forward by a Watergate-style scandal that has erupted uncomfortably close to Mr Mitsotakis. Nikolas Grilladis, a retired general and close adviser to the prime minister, is under investigation for allegedly bugging the opposition socialist party, as well as opponents of Mr Mitsotakis within his ruling New Democracy party.

The people of Athens, however, regard Greek Macedonia as "slightly south of Paris", as one Westerner living in the Greek capital put it. It is in and around the Greek Macedonian capital, Thessalonika, that passions are most inflamed. Here Skopje is viewed through a lattice of ancient history and mythology.

Alexander the Great: continues to inspire

"Macedonia is Greek" proclaimed the pastry model of the White Tower of Thessalonika at a hoteliers' association dinner on the Halkidiki peninsula last week. "Macedonia — Greek for 3,000 years" is the ubiquitous slogan waiting to greet thousands of British tourists this summer after they arrive at Thessalonika airport, renamed Macedonia airport last year.

Stelios Papathemelis is hailed as a voice of reason in Thessalonika. He is a socialist MP and says people in the former Yugoslav republic should "stop imagining they are descendants of Alexander the Great who are going to take half of Greece". He accuses Mr Mitsotakis of holding secret talks with Mr Gligorov, adding: "The name of Macedonia is non-negotiable. Mitsotakis is not representing Greeks when he discusses Macedonia."

And so the spectre of Alexander the Great inspires the Greeks. A local patriotic song goes: "You famous Macedonia, country of Alexander, You who expelled the Bulgarians and are now free." The rest may soon be history.

☐ Skopje: Macedonia will soon apply to join Nato to gain protection from its neighbours, Vlado Popovski, the defence minister said. *(Reuter)*

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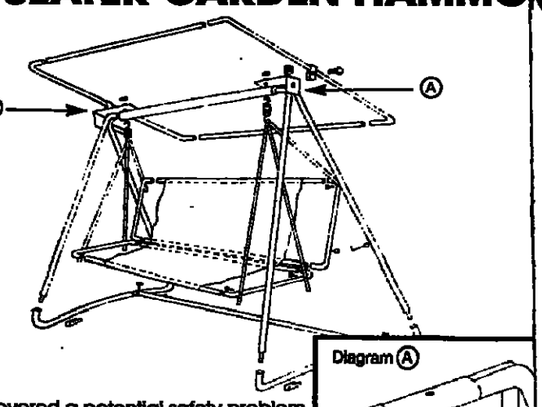

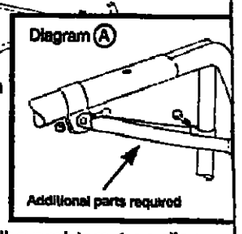

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Canada's prophet of the fantastic

Ben Macintyre meets the author Robertson Davies, a dedicated eccentric who disproved the theory that all Canadians are boring

"I agree with Bernard Shaw: find out what most needs saying, and say it with the uttermost levity." As he expresses this thought, Robertson Davies emits his characteristic hooting laugh, a strange and attractive noise which starts somewhere in the depths of his Old Testament beard and ricochets around his study.

For the past 30 of his 79 years, Robertson Davies has been following that dictum with extraordinary success, writing fiction which combines deep seriousness and psychological inquiry with fantasy and exuberant mirth.

Alchemy is a favourite theme, and might be a description of his fictional style, which mixes the ingredients of Jungian philosophy, surreal folklore, Victorian melodrama and more into a potent brew.

His conversation is little different, fed by odd tributaries of information — on astrology, music, magic and art — and peppered with off-beat allusions, nuggets of wisdom and bursts of hilarity.

Davies would be an eccentric figure in any setting, but in demure, polite Canada, where everyone always waits for the lights to change and the newspapers ask you to "Please turn to Page 3", he is a creature from outer space, a rumbustious, acerbic critic of everyone and everything. He is held up as a national prophet — to be treated with deep reverence, and not a little caution.

No one enjoys his eminence as Canada's latterday GBS more than Davies himself. His performance is immaculate, though some find it a little hammy. He dresses like the archetypal Edwardian Englishman, from his blazer and lapel pin, to his signet ring and hand-made shoes. His accent is English, with the faintest Welsh lilt from his ancestors; even the mane of white hair and long beard give him the air of a particularly raffish English don, circa 1925.

He was, in fact, a don, and for 20 years presided as Master of Massey College, a graduate wing at the University of Toronto, where he introduced such necessities as high table, gowns and snuff. He keeps a study there still, but his novels are written elsewhere, at his home outside Toronto.

Davies is a character role of his own invention, a fact which some of his more literal-minded countrymen find hard to take, just as literary critics have sometimes pondered whether a writer who appears to be laughing through his literature, who allows reality, artifice and the surreal to blend so effortlessly, ought to be taken seriously. Davies, of course, couldn't care less, for finally the play's the thing.

"I would still be in the theatre, I think, if it hadn't been for the war," he says. Davies's professional life started in the Old Vic, where he was, by his own account, a "very minor actor" and the "resident pedant" to Tyrone Guthrie. Guthrie had discovered Davies, beardless then, but just as theatrical, at Oxford, where the young Canadian went to study literature in 1935 because of his persistent inability to score more than zero in the mathematics exams required by Canadian universities.

"They're not so fussy at Oxford," advised his father, a wealthy newspaper owner. "When I got to Oxford," Davies recalls, "I discovered that the pursuit of scholarship could be pleasant. You didn't have to pull a long face all the time. It was a great revelation."

At the Old Vic he met and married Brenda Mathews, an Australian with an equal love of the stage, and after 53 years their partnership continues. Davies once called his marriage "a long conversation".

On the outbreak of war, he returned home to work in his father's newspaper business and write plays, 17 of them, mostly on the theme of small-town Canadian life. They were not, by his own account, great critical successes. He recalls with deep pleasure a rejection letter from Kitty Black, the principal reader of plays for the English producer Binkie Beaumont. "Mr Davies," she wrote, "You must know that nobody, *but nobody*, is interested in Canada."

> Davies is playing out a character role of his own invention

Late in life, as a failed dramatist and highly successful newspaper editor, he turned to fiction. His breakthough did not come until 1970, with the publication of *Fifth Business*, the first novel in his Deptford trilogy. The Deptford trilogy, and the Cornish trilogy which followed them, showed Davies at his mysterious and intricately-plotted best: simultaneously learned and offbeat, revelling in the heroism of human nature, as well as its Jungian "shadow".

Davies's portraits of Canadian life are affectionate, yet often mocking, and he has harsh words for those of his countrymen whose sense of self-esteem and independence is so often eclipsed by the long cultural shadow of the United States. "A great many Canadians can become incredibly boring about this," Davies says. "We have developed this image of being Mr Nice Guy. That's not what makes great nations."

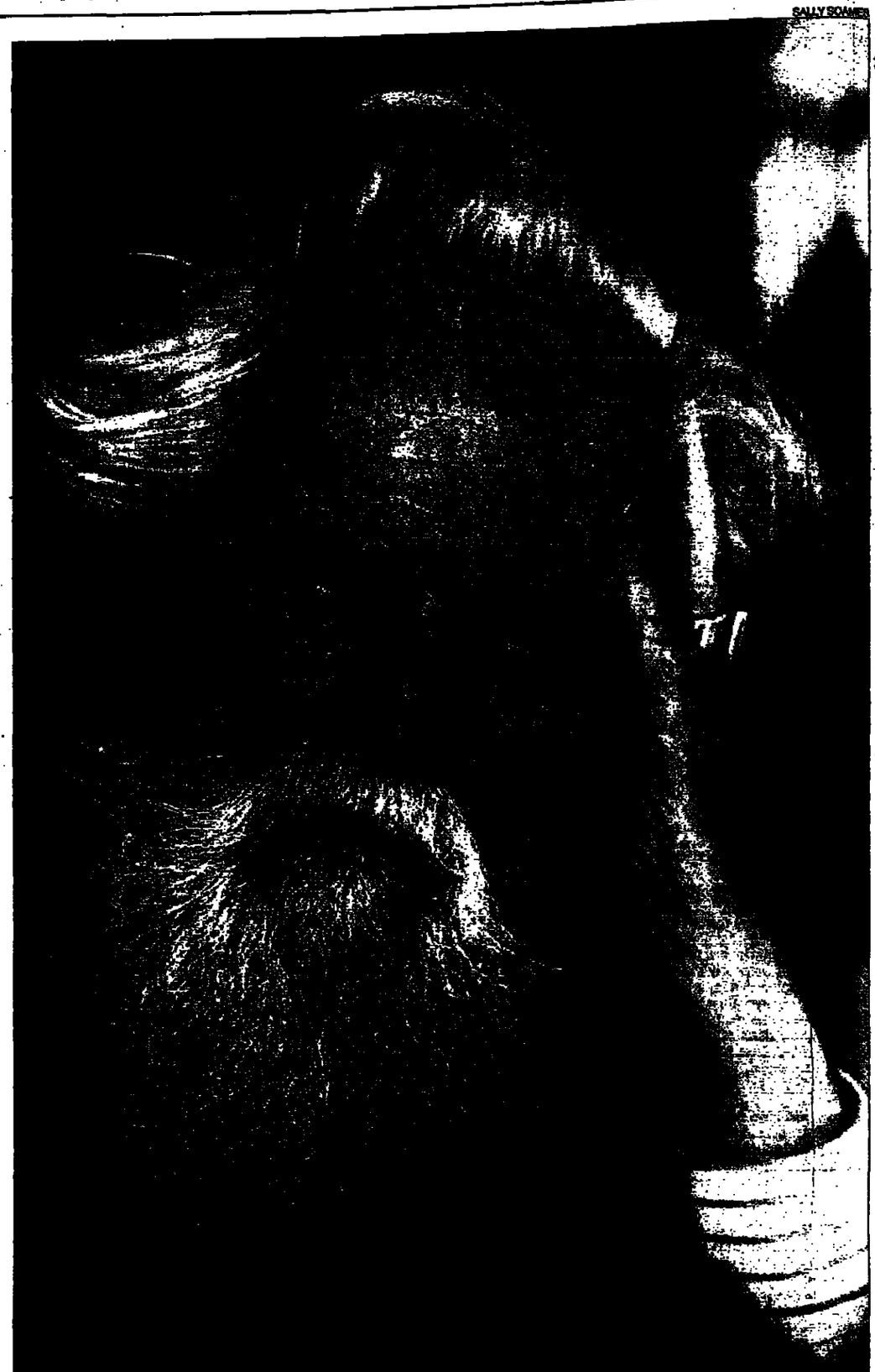
For all his English manners, Davies is staunchly patriotic, a vigorous opponent of Canada's popular image as a placid place of snow, good intentions and crushing boredom. "I maintain that underneath all that nonsense, Canadians are rather wild people, like Scandinavians or Russians." He leans over confidentially, twinkling hard: "We have some very interesting crimes here, you know, crimes that are both hilarious and horrible. Did you ever hear about the great toilet paper murder?"

This was a rhetorical question. "There were two brothers out in the Canadian west who lived together (and brothers who live together are often very queer souls), and one of them killed the other. When he was asked why he had done it, he said the fellow had used two rolls of toilet paper in a single day. He just couldn't put up with it. So he chopped him." He shrugs and laughs. Of such picaresque horrors are Davies's moral universe, and unique fiction, made.

Davies is an avid collector, in the Edwardian mould, of all that is instructively weird in human life. Most of this is culled from seven decades of reading the sort of books most people never knew existed; some comes from more easily accessible sources, such as the pages of *The Times*. "I take it for the obituaries, I keep a big file of them — people I've known and people I wish I'd known." He calls his collection "the Court Circular of the Kingdom of Heaven".

Davies's current campaign is to persuade the editors of the new *Dictionary of National Biography* to include Montague Summers, a scholar of Restoration drama and a man of uniquely peculiar habits who died in 1948. With relish, Davies, slipping again into the role of story-teller, relates an incident when "Monty" urgently summoned his Oxford doctor to look at a book of 16th-century engravings including "a woman with fantastically deformed private parts".

"Doctor, could there really be one like that?" Davies mimicks the voice of the outraged academic, and adds: "What a hoot. I think there must be some sort of mafia against including Monty in the *DNB*." He pauses, and gives another guffaw. "There aren't enough real eccentrics."



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Shavian pose: no one enjoys Davies's eminence as Canada's latterday GBS more than the author himself

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A serial killer is pursuing homosexual men who go in search of sado-masochistic relationships

Death goes cruising

Three months ago Gerald, a graphics designer, picked up a young man in a north London pub. It was a mild evening and, after closing time, they decided to go to Hampstead Heath. But there, instead of having sex, the young man tied Gerald up, slashed his face with a broken bottle and stole his wallet. Gerald could not even remember the man's name — but he knows he will go back to the pub, and he still lets strangers tie him up.

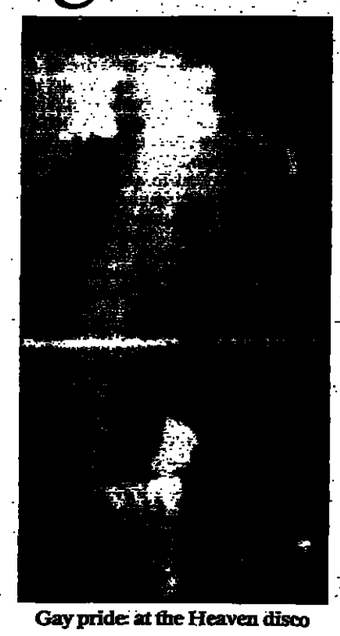
Being a gay man can be dangerous at any time. Some barely know their sexual partners, others have to accept that violence may become more than a game. Since the early 1980s the gay community has had to contend with Aids. But for those who are into sado-masochism the stakes are particularly high. The five men thought to have been murdered in London over the past few months were found bound and gagged. Could they have expected a night of pleasure mixed with pain and found their partner was looking for something more gruesome?

The victims all held steady responsible jobs, but privately seem to have shared an enjoyment of "the scene" — the predatory, risky and anonymous world of multiple sexual partners, rushed and often violent sex with strangers. Although many homosexuals live in monogamous relationships, two of the men who died, Andrew Collier and Peter Walker, are known to have been highly promiscuous. Both were HIV-positive.

Dale Peck, author of *Fucking Peter*, which chronicles the sado-masochistic encounters of a gay man in New York, says: "If you are into the S&M scene you are living on the edge. When people get tied up and expect physical punishment it can get out of hand. Just as many straights as gays are into S&M but the gay community has the added risk of often not knowing anything about the partner who is abusing them."

David Smith, the editor of the newspaper *Gay Times*, says that there are approximately 600 murders a year in Britain. About 10 per cent of are of homosexual men. According to the police these crimes often remain unsolved because of the random way in which many homosexuals meet — in pubs, parks or public toilets. In a bar full of gay men all talking to each other, no one is likely to look twice at a couple leaving together.

Mr Smith says that most homosexuals are aware of the risks they run. "We often go home with people we have just met, but first we talk over a pint and follow our instincts over their suitability. The danger is that alcohol and drugs break down that sense of being careful. Then there are certain men who are not as attractive and have to lower their sights as the night goes on."



Gay pride: at the Heaven disco

London's serial killer almost certainly frequents these bars. "He is likely to be someone who is psychologically traumatised by the notion of his own homosexuality," Mr Smith says. "He goes to have a few drinks in a gay bar somewhere which produces an outburst of violence."

For years, homosexuals have been concerned with antagonism from outside the community. If they flaunt their preferences in the wrong place they risk "queer bashing" a traditional hobby of certain young men on a Saturday night out. Many are frightened to report such incidents, especially if they are under 21, the legal age of consent, or are known to be involved in sado-masochistic practices. The police have often been less than sympathetic, but this has been changing. Last week Paul Condon, chief commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, met gay activists to discuss ways of monitoring violence against homosexuals. Mark, 43, a producer and scriptwriter for the BBC, has been living with a partner for ten years but when younger had over 100 partners. "There are still a lot of men who live heterosexual lives on the outside and only have a few hours every week or month to express their true feelings. If you can't acknowledge any of the private aspects of your life at work, that bit of quality time in a gay bar, or wherever, takes on a burden of days and weeks of repression.

"If you meet someone and know it will be two weeks before you are in that situation again, who's going to turn down the chance of spending the night with them?"

So are gay men more promiscuous than their "straight" counterparts? Angela Mason of Stonewall, the gay and lesbian pressure group, thinks their instincts are the same as those of any man. "Men are more sexually needful than women," she says. "Put a bunch of gay men together and you have the perfect situation to let them have the sex that they want. There is no pressure to go on a date and be tentative and polite and think towards a safe, settled married life."

And what of the violent relationships? Tony Whitehead is director of Streetwise Youth, a project that works with young male prostitutes in London's Earls Court area. "There is a lot of bravado here, but the young men are very aware of the risks they are taking, the violence of what they are sometimes asked to do and their vulnerability at the hands of strangers. Most have a few horror stories of being raped, violently beaten up or asked to do disgusting things," he says.

Mr Whitehead knows that while the murders continue many rent boys will keep working because they know that individually their chances of getting murdered are minimal. "We just try and limit the dangers," he says. "They tell each other where they are going and we ask them to trust their instincts, not get involved in any violent scenes and get to know their partners. The problem is that for some, mad, compulsive sex is part of the thrill. Many have come from bad family relationships and don't know how to form new ones."

Saturday is Lesbian and Gay Pride Day. Thousands of homosexuals will march through London and party through the night. Mr Smith "Many people will meet for the first time this weekend and many will go home together."

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How John Clare found asylum, cancer diagnosis under scrutiny, and a new drug to treat diabetes

Poet in a corner

IF THE Northamptonshire yeomanry had been as outraged at the prospect of selling silver as Harold Macmillan, the world might have been denied much of the poetry of John Clare, the Northamptonshire peasant poet, the anniversary of whose death fell last month.

Recent advances in the treatment of schizophrenia might have been able to straighten out Clare's tortured mind but could thereby have inhibited the expression of his genius.

Clare was a sickly, timid, frightened small boy, the archetypal loner, but was writing poetry in his teens and, despite being a labourer, had his first collected works published in his twenties. In adult life, his bizarre nature became more apparent and before he was 30, in 1823, it was obvious that he had serious psychiatric problems.

It was Clare's good fortune that the squirarchy of Northamptonshire had realised by 1827 that the threat from the French had receded and their yeomanry was redundant. They sold the regimental silver and gave the proceeds of the sale, together with the rest of the regimental funds to a charity to found the Northamptonshire asylum, now St Andrew's Hospital, in Northampton. Clare found asylum in St Andrew's where he could continue to write while protected from the ill-effects of his delusions, and from the everyday concerns which had proved too testing for his mind. The physicians at St Andrew's, then as now a charity, and still in the vanguard of psychiatric thought, classified him as harmless, which allowed him to wander the neighbourhood at will.

John Clare: medical puzzle

Clare's illness has intrigued scholars and medical historians, in particular Dr Kerith Trick, a former consultant at St Andrew's, for years. Twenty or 30 years ago there was some support for the view that Clare might have suffered from a manic depressive psychosis. Dr Trick has suggested that Clare's early philandering, which probably gave him syphilis, could later have resulted in neuro-syphilis, the course of which might have been altered by the high temperatures associated with recurrent fen ague (malaria), from which he was known to have suffered. The majority view is that Clare was schizophrenic but, like two-thirds of schizophrenics, shy and retiring rather than violent. Dr Trick says that Clare's symptoms are certainly more suggestive of schizophrenia than anything else. As his illness developed he suffered severe delusions, showed socially inappropriate behaviour and his conversation became mumbling and disjointed.

The treatment of schizophrenia continues to improve. The *BMJ* has favourably reviewed the use of clozapine in cases of the disease resistant to other drugs. Unfortunately clozapine's side-effects make it suitable only for use in hospitals. A new drug, Risperdal (risperidone), manufactured by Janmsen, shows great promise as a treatment for home-based patients. *Mims* magazine reports that Risperdal seems to be as effective as current drugs against the "positive" symptoms of schizophrenia such as hallucinations, delusions and agitation. In Clare's case, he insisted that he had two wives, was Byron incarnate, and had witnessed the execution of Charles I. Risperdal may also be rather better than present preparations in dealing with "negative" symptoms, social withdrawal, apathy and the appalling inertia which in Clare's case caused him to sit for hours staring into space, and prevented him from completing many of the poems he started.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Needle versus the knife

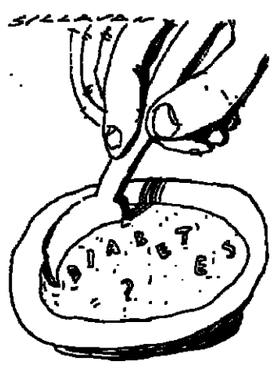
THE case of the Birmingham boy whose benign bony lesion was inadvertently treated as cancer has prompted lively discussion on the merits of needle aspiration, the extraction of cells from a tumour into a syringe, as opposed to incisional biopsy, in which part of the tumour is removed for examination during a minor operation.

Hugh Kemp, formerly senior consultant surgeon at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London, and the author of standard works on bone tumours, says that the suggestion that surgeons prefer incisional biopsies is misleading. An extensive American survey a few years ago showed that new techniques of needle biopsy were almost as diagnostically effective as open biopsy and that needle biopsy had the great advantage of being less likely to spread malignant cells. British research has confirmed the findings and specialist surgeons now favour needle biopsy.

Needle biopsy, and cytology, the study of cells, is becoming an increasingly important diagnostic procedure. Dr Peter Trott, secretary of the British Society of Clinical Cytology, says that the science of cytology has become so refined that a diagnosis can, on occasion, be made from a single cell.

Dr Jean Pringle, the pathologist who is head of the department of morbid anatomy at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, says that pathologists who rarely see bone tumours might not always be happy with needle biopsies. It is the intention of the London Bone Tumour Service, based at the hospital and one of two government-funded specialised units, to ensure that patients are biopsied at specialist centres where accurate diagnoses can be made.

Keep it on the level



THERE are a million cases of diagnosed diabetes in Britain and probably as many that are as yet undiagnosed. A new drug, Glucobay (acarbose), has been launched for the treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM). Over 90 per cent of diabetic patients suffer from NIDDM and require treatment with drugs or diet rather than insulin. Although NIDDM is thought of as mild diabetes, as it is not associated with life-threatening diabetic comas, it can cause serious complications including gangrene and damage to the kidneys, coronary arteries, eyes and the nerve supply to the limbs.

Reports suggest that patients who take Glucobay rather than other drugs avoid the peaks in their blood sugar levels that occur after meals and which may be the reason why even patients who take existing treatments regularly sometimes develop complications. Glucobay causes fewer side-effects than other drugs and avoids hypoglycaemia, dizziness and irritability. It causes less indigestion but can initially give rise to a socially undesirable amount of wind. Glucobay can be used in conjunction with other drugs.

An American government report released this week on the control of blood sugar in insulin-dependent diabetics showed that tighter control of blood sugar levels can reduce eye disease complications by 76 per cent, kidney disease by 35 per cent and neuropathies (loss of sensation to the feet) by 60 per cent. Dr Charles Fox, a consultant physician at Northampton General Hospital, said: "These figures remove any uncertainty about the importance of educating patients in the careful monitoring of their blood sugar levels and the disciplined control of their diabetes. This idea has recently become rather unfashionable but doctors, without being horrible to their patients, will have to return to it. It will certainly entail more home blood tests."

The art of preventing blocked-up arteries

Aileen Ballantyne reports on a new technique that offers early warning against heart disease and strokes

Doctors are looking for volunteers to take part in clinical trials of a pioneering form of screening and prevention of the two diseases that cause half of all deaths in this country: heart disease and strokes.

The trials, at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, are based on a completely new approach to cardiovascular disease. Instead of waiting until symptoms develop before taking action, volunteers known to be at increased risk of a heart attack due to raised cholesterol levels will have the function of their arteries checked using safe, painless non-invasive ultrasound methods. Within the next two years, doctors hope to make the test generally available as an early warning method for heart disease and strokes.

Once the test has been fully developed in this way it could act as a life-saving warning for those such as racing driver James Hunt, who died of a heart attack on Tuesday at the age of 45. Doctors believe that Hunt is likely to have been at increased risk due to his heavy smoking and high stress lifestyle, possibly combined with some increased inherited risk factor. Hunt, who had recently been under great stress due to money problems, gave up smoking only last year.

If the experimental test — development of which is being jointly funded by the leading independent heart research charities, the British Heart Foundation and Corda — shows signs of early artery damage, volunteers will be given advice on how to modify their diet, exercise and lifestyle to prevent an attack, plus an experimental new form of treatment.

Fast track: although James Hunt had given up smoking, artery damage is likely to have started long ago

The treatment, full details of which are being presented next week at the World Paediatric Cardiology and Surgery conference in Paris, involves administering, in tablet form, a naturally occurring amino-acid, L-arginine, which is produced by a healthy endothelium (the layer of cells which lines our arteries and helps prevent the "furring up" process known as atherosclerosis). Eventually, the arteries become so narrowed with build-ups of cholesterol that these deposits crack, causing the artery to block off the blood supply to the heart in the case of a heart attack or to the brain in the case of a stroke. The amino-acid treatment, already used in metabolic illness in children, is known to be safe, and tests on animals fed a high saturated fat diet have shown less artery damage in those also given the amino-acid.

Dr David Celermajer, who developed the new test with Great Ormond Street consultant cardiologist, Dr John Deanfield, said the experimental treatment could be extremely beneficial in preventing heart attacks and strokes for people with high cholesterol levels, but he warned that it would not work on artery damage caused by smoking. "It is not a panacea — if you want to lessen your chances of having a heart attack you will still have to take exercise and give up smoking."

Atherosclerosis is responsible for more deaths in the UK than any other condition. But it is a silent killer, which builds up over many years with no visible signs or symptoms.

At present, tests to check for this form of suspected blockage involve insertion of a fine flexible plastic tube under local anaesthetic into the femoral artery at the groin. This is then guided up towards the coronary arteries and a contrast dye is injected under X-ray control to check for narrowing of the arteries. The invasive process — which can be lengthy — requires the patient to be sedated and is only done when symptoms, such as chest pains, have actually developed.

In contrast, the completely experimental screening method, which has so far been tried on 700 children and adults, many of whom have a serious inherited risk of developing early heart disease, takes half an hour and, for the patient, involves little more than having your blood pressure taken. A cuff used for taking blood pressure is applied to stop the flow, then released. A high definition ultrasound "picture" of the main artery in the arm is then taken to see if the artery dilates in response to the increased flow — which is similar to the increased flow that would be produced by, for example, running up a flight of stairs. Recent studies in America have shown that if blood flow in the main artery of the arm is unaffected, the process of atherosclerosis is unlikely to have affected the main arteries of the heart. Atherosclerosis — the foundation stone of heart disease and strokes — is more likely in those with raised cholesterol levels, smokers and in those with a family history of heart disease.

Researchers at Great Ormond Street are looking, initially, for 40 volunteers who are at increased risk due to high cholesterol levels. They are also looking for smokers about to give up. Heavy smokers — such as James Hunt — are between two and three times more likely to die prematurely of a heart attack than non-smokers. Although Hunt was known to have just given up smoking, research using the ultrasound method at Great Ormond Street on 15-year-old smokers has shown that they already appear to have more early signs of damage than non-smokers of the same age.

Preliminary research using the ultrasound artery examination technique on smokers, former smokers and non-smokers suggests that, over a period of several years, giving up does improve the condition of the arteries, and also that the longer you smoke, the more the arteries narrow.

Dr Deanfield said they were excited at being able to intervene before a patient had angina or a heart attack and great damage had already been done to the arteries. If the L-arginine tablet proved effective it could be taken for many years as a preventive measure. "We know this process of atherosclerosis starts in early life," he said. "If we want to prevent it we have also got to start early."

The discovery that therapy to replace testosterone can help women who have lost their libido after cancer treatment offers hope, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

That obscure hormone of desire

For the last 20 years Dr Helen Singer Kaplan has been the undisputed queen of sex therapy in America. Her considerable reputation rests on making a crucial observation which had escaped other great sexologists like Kinsey and Masters and Johnson.

She perceived that a low libido or lack of sexual desire was, by itself, an important cause of sexual problems quite independent from the usual defects of sexual functioning such as frigidity, impotence and premature ejaculation.

She found that the origin of this lack of libido (when it was not due to something obvious like boredom or disillusionment with a regular partner) was usually an early and profound psychological disturbance, which responded poorly to treatment.

Dr Kaplan has now discovered, however, that there is one very important group of women in whom the cause of a low libido has been overlooked but for whom it can be eminently curable: those who have been treated for cancer with cytotoxic (cell-killing) drugs.

Though the libido is essentially a metaphysical phenomenon, there is no doubt that in men it is driven by the male sex hormone testosterone. Dr Kaplan has proved what has long been a subject of controversy: that in women too, the libidinal hormone is also testosterone even though it is present at only one tenth of the concentration found in men. Cancer chemotherapy, she has found, can annihilate the libido by damaging the ovaries' testosterone-producing cells.

In 1989 a 40-year old married doctor sought Dr Kaplan's advice. She had been, she said, "a highly sexual woman who had enjoyed a passionate relationship with her husband" until she had developed a lymphoma ten years previously. She experienced all the usual side effects of chemotherapy — nausea, fatigue, hair loss and loss of periods. She had recovered well, her menses returned but her libido did not. It became so difficult for her to achieve orgasm that she rarely attempted it. "It's too much work, and when it does happen it's a non-event," she said. Prolonged psychosexual counselling had not helped.

A blood test revealed a testosterone level of zero and, according to Dr Kaplan, she responded to fortnightly injections "with a complete return of her libido".

In the latest issue of *The Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, Dr Kaplan describes a further 11 women with low libido and low testosterone levels following chemotherapy. All reported a persistent absence of erotic fantasy. With testosterone treatment they too have had a rapid restoration of their sexual feelings

Impressive as this is, it is regrettably not a universal panacea. As Dr Kaplan said, for most women with a low libido, including those who have had cancer treatment, the cause is psychological. Their testosterone levels are normal and such women, she predicts, will not respond to replacement therapy.

Nonetheless, Dr Kaplan rightly deserves enormous credit for a discovery of such clear therapeutic importance. The curious thing is that the knowledge pointing towards it has been slowly accumulating over the last 50 years, but until now nobody has drawn the obvious conclusion.

The perception that testosterone must have something to do with the female libido came about by chance in 1937. A woman whose menopausal symptoms following the surgical removal of her ovaries was treated experimentally with testosterone and volunteered to her doctors that she had experienced a marked resurgence of sexual desire. In the following decade testosterone was frequently prescribed for a variety of gynaecological conditions and some cases of breast cases and again there were anecdotal reports of an increase in sexual desire.

The doses given were very high, resulting in the growth of facial hair and masculinisation, and the treatment was abandoned.

A second surge of interest came in 1977 when Mr John Studd, consultant obstetrician at King's College Hospital, London, reported that many women experienced a profound loss of libido after the menopause despite treatment with hormone replacement therapy. He claimed sexual desire was restored if testosterone was given in addition. Other doctors remained sceptical and indeed a series of formal trials produced only equivocal results.

Meanwhile the scale of the problem of loss of libido following cancer chemotherapy was beginning to be appreciated, affecting up to 25 per cent of women. Because most were being treated for breast cancer it was usually put down to depression and loss of sexual self-confidence.

Nobody until Dr Kaplan started looking at the problem had bothered to measure the levels of testosterone in the blood. The reasons for the apparently contradictory results then became apparent. Even so, testosterone therapy may not provide an instant cure (though clearly it is a requirement) because of the psychological problems that so frequently complicate the diagnosis of cancer.

The implications of the discovery are enormous not only for those women who will benefit from replacement therapy but because cancer specialists will have to pay much more attention to the neglected legacy of psychosexual problems that affect so many of their patients.

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■ *Umpires should be impartial, but please, not infallible*

Electronic machines can do some things better than humans, but not yet writing newspaper articles (well, those of us in the trade would have to believe that, wouldn't we?) or umpiring. The computer is better at counting words and measuring the length of a piece than innumerate hacks, who always write too much, with the vain ambition of squeezing a bit more space. But ask the machine to spell "Areopagus" and it will give you "asparagus", and its grasp of grammar is even looser than that of journalists. No machine could produce a delayed-action hanging participle as gratifyingly surreal as we did the other day, with "The first shell landed within five minutes of arriving in Maglaj, a Muslim city that is now being pounded by Bosnian Serb heavy artillery every day."

The trouble with using machines as umpires is that they give the impression that they are infallible, but, as anybody who has ever had to try to mend the simplest domestic appliance knows, they are not. The third umpire introduced for the Test starting at Lord's today will be in the pavilion with access to instant television replays and slow-motion. He will even be allowed for the first time to intervene without being consulted if he sees something that the men behind the wicket and at square leg have missed. This could lead to the suspension of a decision already given, confusion and uproar.

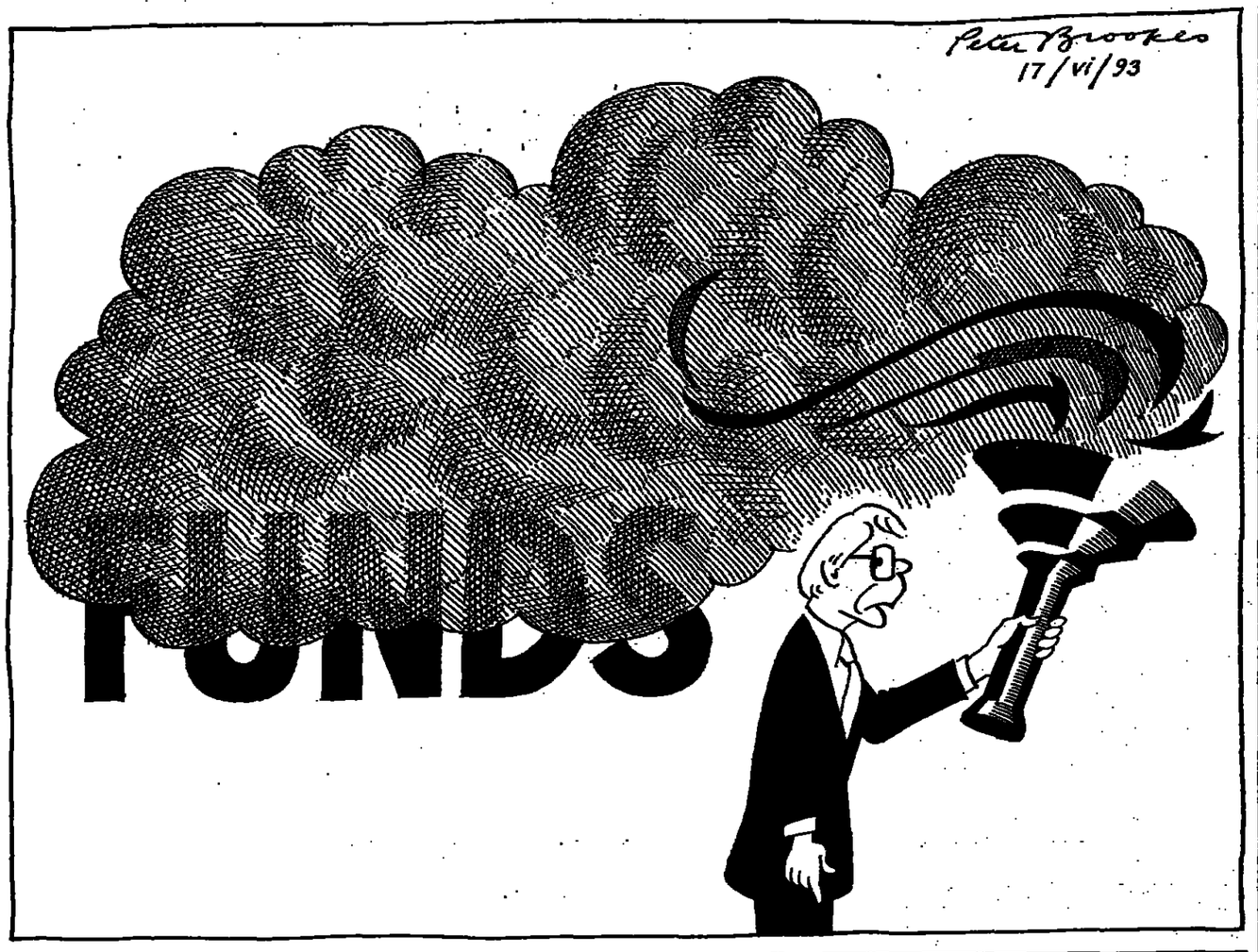
Announcing the introduction of the electronic umpire, the Test and County Cricket Board states that he is there to help the umpires in their aim of complete accuracy, and to protect them from the criticism of millions of viewers who can see from their televisions that the umpire has made a mistake.

This is to commit the modern heresy of turning machines into gods, and to mistake the purpose of umpires and television. There are some close calls that are ambivalent even in slow-motion replay, for instance that disputed try by the All Blacks against the Lions last Saturday. At Wimbledon next week, the machines that monitor the service lines will be erratic and unpredictable as usual.

In any case, the virtue of umpires is that they should be human, not 100 per cent accurate. Their decisions are fallible, but should be accepted without question by the players under their authority. This has been a pious ambition since scoring was done by cutting notches in staves, and W.G. Grace told the umpire who had given him out that the crowd had come to see Grace bat not the blind-as-a-bat umpire raising his finger. The most devastating example of erratic umpiring was performed by the young Rees-Mogg at Charterhouse, wearing the white coat because he loved cricket but was bad at playing it. According to Simon Raven, Mogg took his poetic revenge on a sarcastic housemaster who had offended him, by giving the master's star house side out in quick succesion, without bothering to wait for appeals louder than a cough to raise his fickleforefinger.

Sport is an illogical and unfair activity. Part of the mysterious glamour of old-fashioned cricket of the supposed golden age was the code of walking as soon as you knew you were out, without waiting for the umpire to raise his finger, or letting him know that you had not caught the ball because it had touched the ground. Modern sledging of the opposing batsmen and intimidatory appealing to panic the umpire are not cricket, in the chivalrous convention, which was always more pious than practical. Arguing with the umpire may be more prevalent today, because we are disposed to question authority, and because of the grotesque amount of money at stake in sport.

His very name proclaims that an umpire is an imperfect creature. Like an adder and an apron, he has lost his initial "n" to his preceding indefinite article. Originally an umpire was a "nonpeer", that is, somebody who was a partisan of neither side. In cricket and military exercises he is notoriously unreliable, wrong-headed and infuriating. Much of the pleasure is the post-mortem on the umpire. He is an authority figure to obey but complain about. If the umpire is to become electronically infallible, the batsman will be robbed of his traditional excuse and comforting grumble, after the long walk back to the pavilion, that the umpire was a four-eyed idiot.



Can Mr Clarke do sums?

Public borrowing is out of control and tolerance of taxation is reaching its limit, so spending cuts are inevitable

William Rees-Mogg

Today there will be one of the most important cabinet meetings of this parliament. The issues of future expenditure and the deficit, which will be discussed this morning, are the most difficult issues the government has to face. They go to the heart of economic policy and of politics. Even a popular government would find it very hard to bring a £50 billon deficit under control with any prospect of going on to win the next election.

Britain faces a financial crisis. This year the public sector borrowing requiring of £50 billion amounts to 8 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP). After allowing for the tax increases of Norman Lamont's budget, that will fall to £44 billion in 1994-5, £39 billion in 1995-6, £33 billion in 1996-7 and to £30 billion in 1997-8. The cumulative effect will add nearly £200 billion to public debt over a five year period, which will almost double it. Even these figures assume that the recovery will continue for the whole of the five years, and that expenditure will be contained within the currently proposed limits. At the end of the period, the budget deficit would still be 4 per cent of GDP, a level which is too high for the later stages of a recovery; it leaves no room for error.

In the past five years, as a result of the recession, there has been no net growth in the economy, while public expenditure has risen by 17 per cent in real terms. That has converted a comparatively well-balanced budget into a seriously unbalanced one. Part of the cost will be the rise in debt servicing. On present projections, debt servicing will rise from its present level of £17 billion to £27 billion by 1996-7, and to £32 billion or thereabouts by 1998-9. After five years the cost of servicing the national debt will have risen by the equivalent of 10 pence on the standard rate of income tax, even if interest rates have not risen from their present level.

The new structures of the single budget and of expenditure control, reforms for which Norman Lamont's chancellorship will be remembered, give the government a better chance to recognise this budget crisis and deal with it. In the autumn, Kenneth Clarke will produce the first Budget in which revenue and expenditure are dealt with at the same time. A cabinet committee mysteriously named EDX, which has replaced the old star chamber, is responsible for a top-down survey of objectives and allocation programmes, and not merely for adjudicating between departmental bids. Altogether, the new system offers a better chance of managing expenditure and thus the deficit.

The Treasury divides public expenditure into two primary categories: the controllable and the uncontrollable. The principal uncontrollable factors are debt interest, which is determined in the market, and cyclical welfare payments, which are determined in the market by the business cycle. Most of the rest of public expenditure is controllable at least in theory, but when one allows for the uncontrollable, the room for growth is reduced. If, for instance, the Treasury judges that public expenditure increases of 2 per cent in real terms can be afforded, it can allow only 1.5 per cent growth in the controllable areas of expenditure.

The current method of controlling public expenditure depends on a three-year rolling programme. At present, year one is 1993-4; year two is 1994-5, and year three is 1995-6. In a normal period, this summer's expenditure review would be concerned with replacing the first year with a new third year: 1994-5 would become year one, and the new year three would be 1996-7. The first thing this morning's cabinet will have to decide is whether to concentrate on the final year of the expenditure programme. If no cuts are made in the earlier years, then — subject only to changes in taxation — £133 billion of cumulative deficits and £10 billion of future annual debt servicing will become permanent parts of the national account.

The expectation is that the cabinet will in fact leave unchanged the cash totals for years one and two, and concentrate on year three. That is the year in which the next general election may well be fought, and so is politically sensitive. At present the deficit in that year is expected to be £35 billion, a figure which is unacceptably high. In 1996-7, on current estimates, total public expenditure will be £330 billion, and its growth in real terms in that year will be about £6.6 billion. If the cabinet decides to leave the reductions of public expenditure until the third year of the rolling review, it will be very hard to bring the deficit down to £25 billion by the end of this parliament. There would have to be big tax increases or cuts in expenditure in real terms in a general election year.

Where could public expenditure be cut? Obviously not in the uncontrollable items, except insofar as early cuts in the deficit would reduce the debt, interest burden in subsequent years. Of the major areas of expenditure, defence is already being cut as a result of "Options for Change", and local government expenditure is capped and will hardly grow at all. The health and education budgets have been growing rapidly, and will in any case have their rate of growth reduced. Health expenditure has been growing at 5 to 6 per cent in recent years, partly because of the ageing population. It will be difficult to keep health and education expenditure from rising at more than the 2 per cent real rate which is all the economy can afford.

Social welfare is the area where the most difficult choices will have to be made. Our welfare system consists partly of expenditure which fluctuates with the business cycle. Here the most important aim is to ensure that the recovery continues. The government cannot afford a weakening of the recovery financially any more than it can afford one politically. That may call for further reductions in interest rates.

The first element of the system consists of benefits which are non-contributory and means-tested. These deal primarily with the relief of poverty, which commonly arises from old age, large families, unemployment, sickness or invalidity. The second section of the welfare system consists of contributory, non-means-tested benefits, which go to rich and poor alike. These include pensions, child allowances, sickness benefits and unemployment benefits. One distinction between the means-tested and the universal benefits is that a large number of beneficiaries under the universal system are also direct taxpayers on a significant scale. Many middle-class people must ask themselves whether they would insist on universal benefits at the expense of higher taxes.

Demographic trends suggest that these universal benefits will become even more expensive in the period from 2005 to 2010, still over a decade away, when the post-war baby boom children start to retire. But the choice between higher taxation and changing the universal benefit system is already here. Any prudent chancellor would want to reduce the deficit to not more than half its present level by 1996-7. That means a reduction of at least £10 billion, on present projections, by then. If the recovery is stronger than expected, this might not be too difficult; but if the recovery follows the Treasury forecast, at least £10 billion of expenditure cuts or tax increases will be needed over three years, on top of Mr Lamont's phased tax increases.

At first sight the sums do not look impossible. It is too late to prevent the unforeseen deficit of £50 billion this year, although that alone will add an interest cost equal to 2.5 pence on the standard rate of income tax for all future years.

Reasonable targets would be deficits of not more than 4 per cent of GDP in 1996-7 (£25 billion), and not more than 2 per cent (say £13 billion) by 1998-9. The 1996-7 target would require a cut of 3 per cent in the projected growth of public expenditure over three years; most programmes which can be controlled would have no real growth in that period; there would have to be big reductions in the universal sector of the welfare system. No doubt part of the deficit reduction will come from tax increases, but the tax system seems to be near its limit of public acceptance.

The difficulties are political. There is certainly no room for a tax and spend Labour government. Equally the Conservative government is in a weak position from which to call for the sacrifices that any deficit reduction must require. This essentially is the justification for having a new chancellor. Perhaps the reform of the universal welfare system will prove too difficult for one parliament. Nevertheless, it may be inevitable if deficits and the compound interest on deficits are to be brought back under control.

Dundee's final watch

Philip Bassett on why Timex ran out of patience

At an elegant Regent's Park drinks party, a minister says to a trade union official, "Timex? Your lot have ploughed that as well, haven't you?" It is only hours after the electronics company announced the closure of its strife-hit Dundee factory. After five months of a bitter dispute, the unions will find it hard to shrug off such Tory taunts — but *are* they to blame?

The root of the trouble was not so much the dispute, badly handled though it was by all sides, but what Timex did as a manufacturer. It was a problem more of a disappearing market than with the workforce. Established in Dundee in 1947, and at its height in the 1970s (when it employed more than 5,000 people), Timex was a shadow of its former self by the time the dispute began.

It has not been primarily involved in watch-making, the core of its US owners' international business, since 1983. Instead, it has been a one-product niche-supplier to one large customer, IBM. But with IBM itself hit hard by recession, demand for Timex's printed circuit boards tightened markedly last year, plunging the already loss-making business into crisis.

Like many others, Timex needed to cut its costs. Like many other companies, it proposed savings to its workers, including reduced fringe benefits. And like many others, its plans caused employee resentment. The workers responded by going on strike. Unlike other companies, Timex replied by firing them and hiring a replacement workforce. It was quite within its rights to do so. Although in many other countries a lawful strike counts as a suspension of the employment contract, an employee who goes on strike in Britain is in breach of his contract, and is deemed to have dismissed himself.

Most companies, of course, do not do this. Hiring and training replacement workers can be expensive, time-consuming and difficult, and the game is usually judged not worth the candle.

Timex decided otherwise. If the primary misjudgment of the employees was to believe that they could strike with impunity so long as they obeyed the employment laws of the past 13 years, then the primary misjudgment of the company was to believe that it could push through the replacement of its workers even though its market gave it so little scope.

Geography was important. Labour and the unions are still part of the Scottish social and political fabric. That is not to say that non-unionism is impossible in Scotland. Far from it: IBM and a whole range of semiconductor companies (most of them American) have established themselves in Scotland without recognising trade unions. Dundee itself has a strong non-union tradition: the newspaper publishers D.C. Thomson, one of the city's principal employers, has always been non-union. But "Red Tayside" has also had a long history of union militancy, and Timex was bound to have difficulty, even at a time of high unemployment, in cutting so boldly against the local grain.

This local labour culture meant that employing a substitute workforce was bound to prompt a vigorous industrial dispute, focusing on the bussing-in of the new workers. The mainly female employees who had been dismissed became a magnet for a whole range of left-wing groups. The resulting *cause célèbre* led to growing demonstrations outside the plant and then to violent clashes.

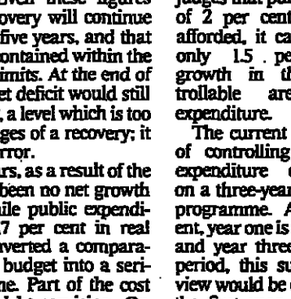
The greater the intimidation and violence, the more the company was forced — at considerable cost — to protect its new employees. Yet for the sake of public relations, it was paying the new employees as much as those it had dismissed, so negating the whole exercise.

The more bitter the dispute grew, the more determined the dismissed workers became to settle for nothing less than full reinstatement. Inevitably, national union officials had eventually to spell out the facts of life: telling them after stitching together a compromise with Timex, that enough was enough. The sacked employees, like many first-time strikers, read it differently. A move didn't mean a deal, it meant the company was on the run.

It was not, as the closure of the plant now makes brutally clear. All sides have lost. The company has probably lost least of all: it will now be rid of a peripheral and loss-making part of its business, as well as the problems of the dispute and the potential commercial damage to its brand name. After the loss in 1988 of Ford's proposed electronics plant in Dundee — because of futile playground rivalry between themselves — the unions have lost more, not just in membership, but in standing. Many people will once again feel that their principal role has been destructive, even though in the similar case of Hoover at Cambuslang it was a union deal that cut costs, saved the company and saw off French competition.

But the biggest losers are the employees old and new. The sacked workers claim they still have their dignity, but come the end of the year, the differences between them and their substitutes will be levelled by unemployment. Ten thousand men and women are already without jobs in Dundee. Tory ministers may be able to make capital out of this *débâcle* over glasses of chilled white wine in NW1, but with British industry still struggling to emerge from recession, the closure of Timex is bad news for everyone else.

Plenty of fight left



SHE may be 82, but Barbara Castle has lost none of her appetite for shocking the Tories. Currently on a nationwide tour to promote her few-holds-barred memoirs, *Fighting All the Way*, Baroness Castle is relishing being back on the road.

At a party at The Ivy restaurant on Tuesday night to launch her autobiography, Castle recalled the speech she made at a recent literary lunch in Chichester, a place that never really warmed to her form of firebrand socialism.

"Bearing in mind that Chichester is the heartland of the Conservatives, I made a perfectly safe speech," she said. But then, by her own admission, she got just a little carried away. "Which I have a slight tendency to do."

Castle could not resist having a dig at the first woman into No 10, a residence many observers thought she was unlucky not to occupy herself. "I said I doubted whether Margaret Thatcher would put in her biography how she lost her virginity." Castle, who includes such an episode in hers, continued: "But then I sometimes wonder whether she did."

It proved too much for some of the audience. "I noticed some ominous gaps in the queue for the book-signing as Chichester Conservatives went home."

But Castle is not keen on the title of the book. "It is too pugnacious. It is not me at all. I wanted something that shows the gentler side." But she had to admit: "I couldn't find anything."

Hello hello

THE Home Office is leafing through its copies of *Hello!* rather more carefully than usual this week, for the gushing glossy has just struck at the heart of British intelligence. In its "Diary of the Week" section, which records the jolly social events of the past few days, it publishes the clearest captioned photograph yet of Stella Rimington, director-general of the security service.

Rimington is pictured with a glass of white wine in hand, and is clearly enjoying the event: the Home Office, on the other hand, clearly isn't. "Let's just call it very unfortunate," says a spokesman. "The press has been very restrained until now, but we seem to have been struck by the curse of *Hello!*" The magazine, however, believes its picture is a triumph. "It's better than those fuzzy ones with the Sainsbury's bags," says John Rendall, its social editor. "Another *Hello!* scoop."

● *Kenneth Clarke recruited Alexis de Tocqueville, the 19th-century French historian, to help woo industrialists and financiers at Guildhall on Wednesday night. De Tocqueville's "nothing is more great or more brilliant than commerce" seemed just the job. But as the Chancellor ponders the sort of fundamental fiscal changes required to curb the nation's spiralling deficit, he might reflect on some more of the sage's words. "Experience shows that the most dangerous moment for a bad government is usually just as it's starting on reform."*

Opportunity knocks

THE urgent need for a director at the European Commission's London office is all too apparent after a tough report by outside consultants accused it of procedural chaos and recommended that alcohol be banned throughout the building.

The last director, John Drew, left the £84,000-a-year post in May, and the commission has been looking for a replacement ever since.

Although there are internal candidates such as Geoffrey Martin, who has stepped into the breach as *temporary head of the office*, one name in particular is circulating in the corridors of power — that of Joanna Foster, who formerly chaired the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Apart from being well qualified, Foster has the right sort of connections for the job, having worked with Diana, Lady Brittan, wife of the European commissioner Sir Leon. Lady Brittan sat with Foster on the EOC. "It's an interesting idea," says Foster, very much a Europhile. "But of course I can't make any comment."

● *There was one notable absentee from last night's party to celebrate the 20th birthday of the feminist publisher Virago Press. Carmen Callil, Virago's founder and now Random House's publisher-at-large, was in Australia for a family funeral. According to managing director Harriet Spicer, "It was a great pity she couldn't be here. But she did leave us a fern in a flowerpot which is lovely . . . I'm not sure what it signifies, but I'm working on it."*

My lords . . .

HEARTENING to see the sporting spirit thrives among visiting dignitaries. All seven lord mayors of Australia are in Britain on an official visit — timed impeccably to coincide with the start of the second Test at Lord's tomorrow.

Proceedings began yesterday with a fine Guildhall lunch hosted by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Francis McWilliams. The address in reply was delivered by the only female lord mayor, Lorna Doone Kennedy of Hobart. Pronouncing herself a fervent royalist and anti-feminist, she said she was happy to be addressed as "Lord Mayor, Alderman or even the old grey mare"; her husband, she admitted, rejoiced in the sobriquet "civic square".

It was not a day for the republican camp, for after the loyal toast to the Queen, there was a toast to the Queen of Australia — followed by only the faintest chorus of the supposedly non-monarchist anthem, "Advance Australia Fair".

● *In John Major's first big comeback speech, at the Conservative party conference last year, even his most loyal supporters sniggered when he promised that the Citizen's Charter would bring more service stations to the motorway network. But Major's favourite press aides, Vanessa Ford, the Tories' chief press officer, and Simon Brooke, the broadcasting officer, can't wait. On their way to the Welsh Tory party conference in a hired Ford Escort, they ran out of petrol on the M40 . . . still a service station-free zone.*

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A TIMEWARP

Timex joins the grim roll of union dishonour

After a prolonged and bitter strike at Timex's electronics factory in Dundee the American multinational has decided to close the plant by the end of the year. Some of the comments of the strike force have been truly dispiriting: "Maybe we lost, but we weren't prepared to win to win for the price it would have cost us" said one striker. Another protested "we couldn't have gone back for their offer. We would have been the laughing stock of Britain". Both sides have been quoted as agreeing that no one came out a winner. But sadly, for Scotland's trade union militants, every cloud has a silver lining.

Far left groups which latched on to the strike must be well pleased with their work. Ugly scenes of industrial violence not seen in Britain since the 1980s were played out on the streets of Dundee. A motley crew of rent-a-mob demonstrators and Trotskyites had a field day. The closure of the factory and the consequent loss of jobs will not trouble the militants' sleep. As far as they are concerned, the more unemployment the better: 'the consciousness of the oppressed', as they put it in their cruel idiom, has been raised.

The militants' allies have been misguided sentimentalists, in the Scottish press and labour movement. They tend to regard tales of Scottish labour's radical history (Red Clydeside in 1919, the occupation of the shipyards under the Heath government in the early 1970s) as part of a national folklore, as worthy of veneration as Robert the Bruce and the spider. They can now add another heroic defeat to their gloomy 'Red Book'. A pity: the Timex dispute is exceptional. Many Scots, some of them nationalistic Labour party members who are very ill at ease in Tory company, despise the maudlin traditions of their national left and look forward to a robust capitalist future.

Industrial relations — despite the violence on the Timex picket line and a rash of strikes last winter on the railways, in the coal industry and Ford — have improved out of all recognition. The government's labour market reforms of the 1980s, coupled with fears of unemployment, have kept the peace, despite the greed of some company bosses in seeking exorbitant wage rises for themselves while their companies' profits remain lacklustre. Scotland, which deserves more real credit than England for inventing the industrial revolution, has a lot to be proud of. Unemployment, judged by national standards, is relatively mild. Its housing market has not sunk so far as in the South-East of England and industrial revival is already on the way. Even the city of Dundee, decried for its Stalinist architecture, its previously poor industrial relations record as "Red Tayside" and its militant local politics, has successful firms, both union and non-union.

The Timex dispute should therefore remain a national anomaly. It is as if the 1970s were meeting the 1990s head on. The strikers behaved as if they were cardboard characters out of a 1970s "Play for Today". The employers found that their Dundee factory's costs during a recession were simply not viable. With the advantage of labour reforms, sometimes inflexibly interpreted, and the threat of cheap overseas wages, they may have overplayed their hand. The moderate engineering union, the AEU, which is usually conscious that its members' jobs depend on profits, lost control to local firebrands and was unable or unwilling to convince the strikers that their livelihoods were hanging by a thread.

The conduct of industrial relations is a delicate art. Both capital and labour can too easily threaten the other with extinction. Since the late 1970s, when obdurate unions could casually threaten good businesses with bankruptcy, the balance between union and manager has swung a long way back to sanity. Wise employers and unionists should look at the Timex dispute, shudder, and ponder why Timex's clock stopped.

HALF MODERN COUNTRY

Japan cannot put off political reform indefinitely

Feudal traditions die hard in Japan. This year began in reformist ferment of near-Italian proportions. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, solemnly pledged to clean up Japan's discredited political system. The omens seemed propitious. Shin Kanemaru was the all-powerful kingmaker in the Liberal Democratic Party which has monopolised power for nearly 40 years. Public disgust at the discovery that he had accepted money from a trucking company linked to organised crime reduced the LDP ratings to 20 per cent. The prime minister's personal standing was even lower, and "Young Turk" reformers within the ruling party were even threatening a complete break with the LDP.

In March, when Mr Kanemaru was arrested on further charges of tax evasion, prosecutors found $51 million in cash, bonds and bullion. This cache, which put even Japan's Lockheed and Recruit bribery scandals in perspective, seemed to put still more pressure on the politicians. Yet in Japan's claustrophobic world of political factions, the prospect of change was receding.

Earlier this month, the head of the parliamentary committee on reform opined that "the best compromise is to keep the current system" — notably, the multi-member constituencies in which members of the same party compete with bribes for voters' favours. And this week, just before Mr Miyazawa's deadline for presenting legislation on reform acceptable to all parties, the LDP barons dug in their heels. Mr Miyazawa duly announced that he would *put to the Diet only* the LDP power brokers' notion of reform — new laws which would merely tighten their grip on power.

If the Young Turks and opposition parties carry out their threat to vote together, the immediate consequence could be the government's defeat this week in a no-confidence motion, and fresh elections — under the old rules. That would probably end Mr Miyazawa's career and would embarrass the LDP, especially when the Western economic summit in Tokyo is imminent. Cynics would say that this simply proves that no politician can be trusted to provide Japan with a modern, honest, accountable and genuinely pluralistic political system.

Yet this time, the barons may not have the last word. Young politicians are tiring of depending on faction leaders to finance the enormous sums they must find in "gifts" to voters, and of the electoral tyranny rice farmers exert thanks to outdated constituency boundaries. Half the members of the Diet now favour reform both of the electoral system and of party financing methods which are a charter for corruption. The personal fortunes of MPs have just been published for the first time, although since cash, bullion, real estate and assets in other names are excluded, the disclosures would barely have ruffled even Mr Kanemaru. And voters who tolerated the links between politicians, business and organised crime in times of headlong growth are now thoroughly disabused. The bursting of Japan's bubble economy forced endless scandals into the open, revealing the true cost of these corrosive arrangements to ordinary people.

There are external pressures, too. The business community has decided that Japan must soon come to terms with many of the systemic reforms noisily demanded by Washington. Japan's politicians are increasingly open about seeking global influence in keeping with Japan's great wealth. Western governments could help by being more frank that without political reforms — including greater readiness to discuss its wartime history at home and acknowledge it abroad — Japan will not be able to play its full international role, let alone dream of permanent membership of the UN Security Council. The LDP task-masters are a stubborn lot. But the miracle of political modernisation, which eluded the Meiji Restoration and the architects of Japan's postwar democratic constitution alike, may this time merely have been postponed.

SELF-DEFENCE FOR THE POLICE

Mr Howard has made a welcome gesture of support

The decision by the new home secretary, Michael Howard, to allow trials of a new type of police baton will give a considerable boost to police morale. The proposed design is a compromise between the American model which is regarded as too manifestly aggressive, and the traditional truncheon. If the new baton comes into general use, constables on the beat will have a much better chance of defending themselves against violent assault.

The warm welcome given to Mr Howard's announcement by police spokesmen suggests more than simple gratitude for the chance of better self-protection. The response of Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales, was noteworthy, perhaps even pointed: "We thank the Home Secretary for listening to us." Little secret had been made of the growing estrangement between the police and the Home Office. Kenneth Clarke's refusal even to consider trials of alternatives to the old-fashioned truncheon, in spite of requests by experienced officers, was seen as insulting and dismissive.

Mr Howard has given a clear signal that the Home Office will now be more receptive to complaints and anxieties among the police. In a speech to senior police officers, he stated unequivocally that if the innovative side-handled baton was proved to protect officers — particularly women officers — from attack, then they should have it. Stressing his own personal commitment to their protection, he was expressing his support in a way that could affect the day to day lives of many policemen.

This change of tone is sensible. Where, under Mr Clarke, the emphasis had been on criticism of police efficiency and cost-effectiveness, Mr Howard seems to be set on a distinctly more cooperative role. At a time when so many forces seem aligned against the police, from sentencing policies to the workings of the prosecution service, there is much to be said for a Conservative home secretary making it clear that he understands the difficulties under which police forces operate.

There will still, quite rightly, be pressure on police forces to modernise their management structures and improve their procedures, but these demands should be tempered by an acceptance of the extreme stress and frustration which bedevils police work.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Share for sport in national lottery

From Mr Adrian Moorhouse and others

Sir, We ask Kenneth Clarke to put his stamp urgently on a new approach to sport. While the government spends £37.6 billion on health, it spends scarcely more than £60 million a year directly on sport and exercise.

We believe that an extra £285 million per annum could be achieved for the share to be given to sport, were the national lottery to be made a charitable foundation. It is the only way to go ahead, and we should not settle for less.

All minor organisational impediments should be put aside, so that the charitable foundation recommended by the Rothschild royal commission becomes a fact. The amendments to create that charitable status will be presented in the Lords on June 17. We expect the government's support because that is the pretext on which it first presented the idea of the national lottery in its manifesto.

Only if all the money from the lottery goes into the good causes originally specified can we hope to make any mark on the quality of life in this country. The possibility of multi-sports complexes, manned and endowed, throughout the country opens up important new avenues to the health and vigour of all. These complexes will also transform the attraction of many towns to tourists.

The many sports bodies around the country have, collectively, never achieved such a major breakthrough. We must make sure that nothing hinders the full thrust of the lottery for sport, and we believe that Kenneth Clarke has the drive to push it through.

Yours faithfully,
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June 14.

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Rigours of rote

From Mr Eric Dehn

Sir, Now that summer-term examinations are under way there are those who feel instinctively that today's young students are excessively spoon-fed and welfare-weaned.

Creativity tends to have priority over correctness; dictionaries, atlases and text-books can be brought into language, geography and literature examinations; button-pressing calculators, obviating any necessity to memorise multiplication tables, ease the heavy human burden of mental calculation.

Yet — was the requisite rigorous rote-learning of old more educationally effective?

I can still recite all dates of reigning monarchs from 1066 without knowing the names of the kings and queens to whom they apply; I remember that Cetinje was the capital of Montenegro; I wrote down half a dozen memorised quotes on the blotting-paper before reading the literature questions, intent on bringing them in by hook or by crook.

I can recall the words "School Marmalade Hardly Ever Overflows", the initials of which stand for the Great Lakes, whose names I have long since forgotten. And what is the significance of "1,760 yards to the mile/George the Third said with a smile"?

Learning by heart may have enabled me to recite *The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck* on social occasions. It has not prevented the onset of an amnesia which led me just now to put my telephone number on this envelope instead of the postal code.

Yours absent-mindedly,
ERIC DEHN,
5 Trelawney Road, Bristol.

Backache treatment

From Mrs Tricia Phillips

Sir, It is misleading of Aileen Ballantyne to suggest ("Standing up to backache", June 9) that "chiropractors have the answer" to backache, implying as it does that this form of treatment is a panacea. No single profession has the answer but, in the vast majority of cases, it is physiotherapy that solves or alleviates the problem. The number of patients reporting to physiotherapists after chiropractic has failed shows that chiropractors do not have "the answer".

Alone of all the therapists treating backache, chartered physiotherapists have a large range of treatment techniques at their disposal. These may include manipulation — many of them have specialist manipulation training and expertise — mobilisation, bespoke exercise regimes, electrotherapy and traction, in hospitals and private practice.

Yours faithfully,
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Reassessment of Rembrandt's works

From the Chief Curator of the National Gallery

Sir, The Dutch government's Rembrandt Research Project has *not* "collapsed", as indicated in your report of June 12 on the resignation of four of the project's five members. Instead, the older generation has handed over the enterprise to the younger generation, providing an opportunity to reassess some of the criteria used to judge the authenticity of works attributed to the artist.

This is the result of discussions both inside and outside the project. In common with many colleagues, I am very impressed that an undertaking of this ambition is able to re-examine the premises on which its work is based, and I welcome the changes. I understand that work for the project's fourth volume is well advanced and that for the final volume is under way.

The first three volumes have transformed the study of Rembrandt, greatly expanding information available to all who work on the artist and placing the discussion on an infinitely more sophisticated level than ever before. I have no doubt that the two remaining volumes will maintain this high standard.

Finally, my re-attribution of "Anna and the Blind Tobit" to Rembrandt, to which your report draws attention, was provoked by its juxtaposition with paintings by Dou and Rembrandt in the recent Rembrandt exhibition and by its recent cleaning.

I have discussed the painting with my colleagues at the project, particularly with its new leader, Ernst van de Wetering, and, although they may not concur with the re-attribution, they have, as ever, been helpful and willing to share their research.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BROWN,
Chief Curator,
The National Gallery,
Trafalgar Square, WC2.
June 14.

From Mr Anthony Bailey

Sir, In your leader of June 12, "Art and mart", you write that 630 paintings had, prior to the Rembrandt Research Project, been attributed to Rembrandt "excessively".

Why is this figure excessive? Research by Professor Ad van der Woude of Wageningen University, published last year, into the number of paintings actually painted by Dutch artists in the seventeenth century in order to make a reasonable living indicates very large individual production.

Rembrandt had a long and almost always eminent career and his works, after his death, have been constantly prized. That some 600 of his paintings should now be extant is not unlikely.

You also err in stating that the resignation of the four members of the RRP under Ernst van de Wetering, the team's surviving member, leaves many of Rembrandt's works "unexamined". The members of the RRP had examined all the paintings attributed to Rembrandt before it began to publish its conclusions — which is not to say that it should not examine many pictures again.

But your leader seems to me most at fault in principally associating the crisis in the RRP with the art market and money. It is not art dealers or collectors who have brought about this potentially fruitful shake-up but numerous scholars and lovers of art who are interested in the complicated processes by which one may, with difficulty, sometimes identify the creator of mostly undocumented works painted 350 years ago.

It is these critics who seem finally to have pierced four sets of immensely thick Dutch skin. And yet, however large a victory they now seem to have gained, I don't think that many of the RRP's critics would support your final notion that the great Rembrandts can be henceforth spared the analysis of connoisseurs. Detective work can be a form of devotion.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY BAILEY,
63 Royal Hill, Greenwich, SE10.
June 13.

From Mr Alan Denson

Sir, The late Thomas Bodkin, whilst director of the Irish National Gallery, in 1932 published his pithy comment on an alleged "Galway Rembrandt":

Rembrandt, so they say,
Painted a lot in his day;
And a lot more since then,
If you believe some men.

Self-styled "experts" might do worse than heed this quatrain.

Bodkin was the foundation director of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham — the choicest and finest of all British institutional art collections formed this century. It has two Rembrandts: "An Old Warrior" and "A Sheet of Studies".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN DENSON,
4 Fordyce Terrace,
New Deer, Via Turriff,
Aberdeenshire.
June 12.

Student Tory row

From the Deputy Chairman of the Conservative Party

Sir, The letter from Mr Gawain Towler and others (June 15), questioning the appointment of the national director of the Conservative Collegiate Forum, is misleading. So are the remarks by Mr Conor Burns which you report in later editions of the same issue. I would like to set the record straight.

Officers of the CCF, including the national director, are appointed by the party chairman, or his nominee. As deputy chairman of the Conservative party with responsibility for youth, I am the chairman's nominee. The constitution of the CCF contains no provision for elections. It was put in place when the forum was established by Norman Tebbit, then party chairman, in 1987.

The constitution provides that the national student director should be appointed after consultation with the CCF's national executive committee.

Prior to the appointment of next year's national director I conducted a wider consultation exercise, in which I gathered the views of not only the outgoing national executive committee, but also affiliated branches of CCF.

There was no requirement to do so, but I wished to ensure that next year's national director enjoyed widespread support throughout the forum.

Today's letter claims that "votes were *discounted*". It was a consultation that was held, not an election. Opinions were expressed, no votes were cast. All those consulted were made well aware in advance that they were not participating in an election.

There were two candidates for the post, Tim Kevan and Conor Burns. Having considered the curricula vitae of both candidates carefully I came to the conclusion that Mr Kevan was the better choice to carry forward the work of the forum next year and enjoyed the necessary support to do so effectively.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD MALONE,
Deputy Chairman,
The Conservative Party,
Conservative Central Office,
32 Smith Square, SW1.
June 15.

Judges on trial

From His Honour Judge Paul Collins

Sir, Is there really a debate on judges' training, as Frances Gibb suggests ("Hold your tongue, m'lud", Law, June 15), or is it an oft-repeated chat between Gareth Williams, Helena Kennedy *et al* and a few friendly legal media persons?

When it is necessary to trot out the Richards, Cassel and Leonard stories for the umpteenth time, an impartial observer could only sensibly conclude that the hundreds of judges trying cases every day are such models of propriety that journalistic desperation sets in on the trawl for anecdotes.

Next week, could Ms Gibb write an article complaining that judicial training has been so successful that you have to go back to retired judges in the early 1980s to get a decent bunch of quotes together?

Yours faithfully,
PAUL COLLINS,
Wandsworth County Court,
76 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.

From His Honour Judge John Prosser, QC

Sir, I see once again the usual reference to the sentence I imposed at Newport Crown Court on a 15-year-old rapist earlier this year ("When judges talk too much", by Fenton Bresler, June 10).

In the Court of Appeal the Lord Chief Justice said: "The learned judge was clearly troubled by this case", and "... we understand the reluctance of the trial judge, after strong recommendations for a community sentence from the probation service, to impose a custodial sentence on a 16-year-old boy of previous good character. His approach did not in our judgment deserve the vilification to which he has been subjected."

The vilification continues, it seems. Mr Bresler even got my age wrong — I am not as old as he claims.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PROSSER,
Royal Courts of Justice,
Strand, WC2.
June 11.

Upstart clerks

From Mr P. A. Hardingham

Sir, In your report concerning the state of Britain's beaches (June 7) you make the lamentable error of confusing parish clerks with clerks to parish councils. They are two entirely separate functionaries.

The latter is a modern creature of statute (parish councils were established by the Local Government Act 1894) and is appointed by his parish council.

The former is an ancient office under common law, the power to appoint being that of the parochial church council jointly with the incumbent.

Clerks to parish councils may seek to arrogate to themselves the title "parish clerk", but they have not the slightest right to this ancient title and the practice must not be encouraged.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. A. HARDINGHAM,
Clack Mills, Lodge Road,
Little Houghton, Northampton.
June 8.

Threat to choice of free contraceptives

From Mr Jon Wareing

Sir, I write on behalf of 25 organisations involved in family planning and sexual health to express our concern at proposals currently under discussion to limit the range of contraceptives available on free prescription through the NHS by placing them on the Selected List scheme, under which patients pay the full price for excluded medication.

This move seems at odds with the government's declared commitment to a properly funded, resourced and accessible family planning service and to cutting numbers of unwanted pregnancies.

The wish to reduce the growth in the NHS drugs bill is understandable but it has long been accepted that contraception has economic as well as health and social benefits. The health economist W. A. Laing has estimated that every £1,000 spent on contraception saves the NHS and social services at least £500 in terms of unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

If women are no longer able to obtain their preferred form of contraception on the NHS and are forced to switch to another on grounds of cost, they may stop using it altogether or fail to use it properly.

The result may be more unplanned pregnancies, and the obvious costs these would impose on health and social services could outweigh savings made on the drugs bill.

There is no single contraceptive method to suit all individuals. The choice of 30 brands of contraceptive pill may appear excessive but different formulations are necessary to meet individual needs, as women can experience side-effects with some but not others. Furthermore, the newer, more expensive brands are often those offering maximum health benefits.

On behalf of consumers, nurses, doctors, pharmacists and teachers in family planning, the Contraceptive Foundation calls on the government to leave contraceptives off the Selected List, thereby maintaining choice and the development of new products that we so badly need.

Yours faithfully,
JON WAREING
(Chair),
The Contraceptive Foundation,
Brigade House,
8 Parsons Green, SW6.
June 16.

Motorcycle curb

From Mr Neil Murray

Sir, The news that Britain has won a five-year opt-out from the new EC 100-horsepower limit on motorcycles (report, later editions, June 15) should not be interpreted as a victory, but rather as a foretaste of what Maastricht will bring.

At a stroke, a body of unelected bureaucrats has imposed an arbitrary restriction upon a minority group of road users simply because it believes — against all the evidence — that motorcycles developing more than 100 hp are dangerous. Any study of the accident statistics will show that it is not the experienced rider of a large machine who represents an accident risk, but rather the inexperienced learner rider on a small capacity low-powered bike.

The 100 hp limit will directly affect the renascent British motorcycle industry in the form of Triumph Motorcycles. Triumph is the only volume manufacturer of motorcycles that successfully challenges Japan with a range of machines developing more than 100 hp. The Japanese, with their vast R & D budgets, are capable of wringing 100 hp out of engines as small as 600 cc.

Triumph currently makes no machine smaller than 750 cc, and the bulk of its sales are in the 900-1,200 cc market. If this example of modern British industrial success is miscalculated by the stroke of an EC pen, then Japan will be the richer, and we will all be the poorer.

Yours sincerely,
NEIL MURRAY,
8 Thurleston Avenue,
Morden, Surrey.

Gourmet grievances

From Sir David Napley

Sir, Mr Michael Winner ass... (letter, June 15) that he sat quiet... the Michelin two-star restau... L'Ortolan in Shinfield, Berkshire, ... ate food he did not care for.

Can anyone who has had the m... fortune, for however short a period... being in Mr Winner's company (a... have) imagine Mr Winner either s... ing quietly or missing an opportun... of making a complaint (with or wi... out good cause) and then, havi... eaten food he disliked, writing in t... visitors' book, "First rate and I ate t... much"?

There is, however, a silver linin... the more that Mr Winner gains u... publicity, the more customers are, as a direct consequence, visiting an... enjoying the restaurant.

Yours truly,
DAVID NAPLEY
(Chairman),
Burton-Race Restaurants plc,
107-115 Long Acre, WC2.
June 15.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

June 16: The Queen honoured Ascot Races with her presence today.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Cardigan and was received by Major W Kemmis Buckley (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dyfed).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Llandudno and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees).

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire) was present at The Royal Air Force Brize Norton this afternoon upon the Departure of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 16: The Duke of York this evening attended the Royal Naval Association Reception at St James's Palace.

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 16: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended the Eve of Lord's Test Dinner, the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 16: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended a Branches Advisory Committee Meeting and Luncheon, Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Victim Support, this afternoon attended the seventh Meeting of the Victim Support Advisory Board, Church House, Westminster, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 16: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Twentieth Century American Ball, as Patrons, at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Captain the Honourable Tom Coke were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

June 16: Princess Alexandra, Deputy Honorary Colonel of the Royal Yeomanry, this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel C J R Day on relinquishing Command of the Regiment and Lieutenant Colonel J R Arkell upon assuming this appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Fellow, this evening attended a Reception at the Royal College of Physicians, St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Beryl Reid, the actress, who is 73 today

Birthdays today

Lord Barber of Tewkesbury, 75; Mr S.A. Bowes Lyon, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, 61; Sir Michael Caine, chairman, Booker, 66; Dr Andrew Coyle, governor, Brixton prison, 49; Sir William Dale, legal consultant, 87; Sir Edward Downes, conductor, 69; Sir Patrick Duffy, former MP, 73; Mrs Laura Duncan, Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, 46; Sir Patrick Fairweather, diplomat, 57; Sir Stanley Grinstead, former chairman, Reed International, 69; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, 73; Mr Ken Livingstone, MP, 48; Mr Kenneth Loach, television ad film director, 57; Mr Barry Mailow, singer and composer, 47 Sir Peter Michael, former chairman, UEI, 55; Professor Karol Sikora, oncologist, 45; Lieutenant-Colonel A.M. Sprot, Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 74; Mr Brian Statham, cricketer, 63; Captain W.K. Stirling of Fairburn, Lo Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty and Skye and Lochalsh, 61; Lord Tudeley, 54; Sir Maldwyn Thomas, former president, Welsh Liberal arty, 75; Professor Sir Alan Wers, economist, 67.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the International Spinal Research Trust, will visit the department of physiology and anatomy at Cambridge University at 10.40; as Patron of the British Lung Foundation, will visit the respiratory support and sleep centre at Papworth Hospital at 12.30; and will open the Papworth Trust's disability resource centre at Papworth Everard at 1.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Notting Hill Housing Trust, will visit the head office at Paddenswick Road, W6, at 10.30; will visit an area office at Gayford Road, W12, at 11.20; and, as Honorary Freeman of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, will visit the tercentenary exhibition at Saddlers' Hall at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, Royal Fellow, will attend the Summer exhibition and soirée at the Royal Society at 8.45.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the United Response Picture Framer project at Millers Yard, Gilly Gate, York, at 11.00; will visit York University at 11.40; will attend a service in Selby Abbey at 2.20; and will open the community lounge of the Walker Barstow Home, Bishopsthorpe Road, York, at 4.10.

City of London Solicitors' Company

The Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company has presented prizes for academic achievement in the 1992 Solicitors Finals Examination to Miss Lesley Anne Leggett, Solicitors' Company Prize; Miss Tina Marsh, Charles Steele Prize; Miss Grace Isobel Horgan, Alfred Syrett Prize.

Service luncheon

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne was host at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords for Officers of the Fifth Fusiliers and their ladies. Major-General R.R.T. St John received the guests.

Christening

The christening took place at Bromn Oramry on June 16, of Tara idogan, daughter of the Hon omas and Mrs Watson. Fathe Alexander Sherbrooke offici. The godparents are Mr Mar Arkwright, Mr Andrew Boyc the Hon Mrs Christopher Gilm, Mrs Nicholas Leese and Mrs Jillian Worsley.

MICHAEL POWELL

Stitches in time: Julie Pratley, of the Royal School of Needlework, embroidering in gold and silver wire at Saddlers' Hall in the City yesterday at the 300th anniversary exhibition of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers. The exhibits include church vestments dating back to the 15th century

Dinners

Corporation of London

The Corporation of London held a dinner yesterday at Guildhall to mark the visit by Lord Mayors of the Capital Cities of the Australian States to the City of London. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with the Sheriffs and their ladies received the guests: Among those present were:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Adelaide, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane and Miss Mary Phillip, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Darwin, the Lord Mayor of Hobart and Mrs Louise Moore, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Melbourne, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Perth, Alderman and Mrs Randolph Griffiths, the City Manager of Adelaide, the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of Hobart and Mrs Storch, the Chief Executive Officer of Melbourne, the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of Perth and Mrs Dawson, the Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons, the High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Smith, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Mr Alfred Morris, MP, and Mrs Morris, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mrs Goodlad, other members of Parliament, representatives from the Australian High Commission, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their guests.

British Academy of Experts

Lord Slynn of Hadley, President of the British Academy of Experts, presided at the annual president's dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended.

Among others present were:

Lord Hope, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Justice Murray, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Judge Timothy Lawrence, Dr Ann Robinson, Mr John Rowe, QC, Mr Rodger Pannone, Mr Alan Johnston, QC, Mr Michael Ferryman, Mr Bruce Harris, Mr Brian Hilton, Dr Anita Nazareth and Mr John Taylor, MP.

Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers

Mr Geoffrey B. Perkins, Master of the Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, presided at a dinner held last night at Saddlers' Hall as part of the celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation by King William III and Queen Mary II. He was assisted by Mr Peter G. Nathan, chairman of the tercentenary exhibition committee. Sir Colin Cole also spoke.

Among those present were:

Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley, the Master of the Saddlers' Company, Air Vice-Marshal T.B. Sherrington, Brigadier K Goad, Group Captain C Fowler, Commander B D Gibson and Mr John P B Brooke-Little.

Reception

Royal Society of Medicine

Sir George Pinker, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Pinker, received the guests at a reception held last night at 1 Wimpole Street after Mr Ludovic Kennedy had delivered the Stevens Lecture for the Laity.

Church news

Appointments

Rev Anthony Bishop, Team Vicar, Chigwell: to be Priest-in-charge, Walthamstow, St John (Chelmsford).

Rev Peter Burrows, Rector, Broughton Astley: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Croft and Stoney Stanton (Leicester).

Rev Mark Butchers, Parish Curate, Mitcham (Southwark): to be Rector, North Tawton, Bondleigh, Sampford Courteney and Honeychurch (Exeter).

Rev Richard Clarke, Curate, Sedgefield: to be Curate, Penshaw, Shiney Row and Herrington, and Chaplain to the YMCA, Herrington Burn (Durham).

Rev Hereward Cooke, Team Vicar, Parmentergate Team Ministry, and Industrial Chaplain: to be *also* Acting Senior Industrial Chaplain (Norwich).

Rev Peter Dawkin, Assistant Curate, St Oswald, Netherton: to be Vicar, Christ Church, Norris Green (Liverpool).

Rev Jane Dicker, Parish Deacon, St James, Merton (Southwark): to be Deacon, Littleham-cum-Exmouth Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Phillip Randell, Rector, St Gennys, Jacobstow w Warbstow and Treneglos: to be Priest-in-charge, St Breoke and Egloshayle (Truro).

The Rev Julian Richards, until recently Vicar, Boldre and South Baddesley: to be Rural Dean of Alton (Winchester).

The Rev David Richardson, Rector, Monk Fryston and South Milford: to be *also* Rural Dean of Selby (York).

The Rev Peter Sutton, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Alverstoke: to be Vicar, St Faith, Lee on Solent (Portsmouth).

The Rev William Thackray, Vicar, Bawtry w Austerfield and Mission, and Rural Dean of Bawtry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Giles, Balderton, Newark (Southwell).

The Rev Elizabeth Toller: to be Assistant Chaplain, HM Prison, Norwich (Norwich).

The Rev Paul Wallis, Assistant Curate, St Mary the Virgin, Somerstown, St Pancras Old Church and St Paul, Camden Square (London): to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Southsea (Portsmouth).

The Rev Giles Walter, Curate, Holy Sepulchre, Cambridge (Ely): to be Priest-in-charge, St John, Tunbridge Wells (Rochester).

The Rev Michael Warner, Vicar, St Stithians w Perranarworthal and Gwennap: to be Priest-in-charge, Budock, and Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (Truro).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Christopher Biddell, Vice-Dean and Canon Residentiary of Chester, Cathedral: to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Geoffrey Hardman, Assistant Curate (NSM), St James, Latchford (Chester): resigned as from April 11.

The Rev Canon David Isitt, Fellow and Chaplain of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge: to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Leslie Lewis: to retire as Clergy Widows and Retirement Officer for the Macclesfield archdeaconry as from June 30 but to continue as Vicar, Rainow w Saltersford and Forest (Chester).

The Rev David Scott, Vicar, Lenton Holy Trinity and the Priory Church of St Andrew, Lenton, Nottingham (Southwell): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Derrick Simpson, Vicar, Newton-in-Mottram (Chester): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Eric Smith, Rector, Caister-on-Sea (Norwich): to retire as from August 31.

The Rev Marian Taylor, Assistant Curate, Earls Barton (Peterborough): resigned as from May 31.

The Rev Canon Humphrey York: to retire as from June 30, but continue as Honorary Priest-in-charge, Anthony w Sheviock (Truro) until October.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Edward I, reigned 1272-1307, London, 1239; John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, Epworth, Lincolnshire, 1703; William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, astronomer, York, 1800; Charles François Gounod, composer, Paris, 1818; Sir William Crookes, physicist, discoverer of thallium, London, 1832; Igor Stravinsky, composer, Oranienbaum, Russia, 1882; James Cameron, journalist, Battersea, 1911.

DEATHS: John III Sobieski, King of Poland 1674-96, Wilanow, 1696; Joseph Addison, essayist, London, 1719; Sir William Wyndham, politician, Wells, 1740; Lord William Bentinck, Governor-General of India 1827-35, Paris, 1839; Richard H. Barham, author of The Ingoldsby Legends, London, 1845; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, London, 1898; Dorothy Richardson, novelist, Beckenham, Kent, 1957.

German aircraft sank The Lancastria off St Nazaire and over 2,500 troops and refugees perished, 1940.

First kidney transplant operation, Chicago, 1950.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr G. Anthony Alton; Wardens, Mr P.J. Redman, Mr S.L. Preedy, Mr R.L.H. Merton and Mr R.F.H. Vanderpump.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Branch was held in the House of Commons yesterday. The Right Hon Betty Boothroyd, MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, presided.

Legal appointments

Middle Temple

Mr Alfred Brendel has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench.

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench:

J Michael Edwards QC, R Fernyhough QC, Miss Linda Sullivan.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain S.E.R. Bedford and Miss B.M. Cameron

The engagement is announced between Simon Bedford, The Royal Green Jackets, son of Mr David Bedford, of Naunton, Gloucestershire, and of Mrs Celia Bedford, of Waddicombe, Somerset, and Belinda, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Cameron, of Fox Cottage, Westcot Barton, Oxfordshire.

Mr A.V. Craddock and Miss V.F.F. Batten

The engagement is announced between Antony Craddock, of Westminster, London, and Victoria Batten, of Laleham-on-Thames, Middlesex.

Lieutenant Commander M.S. Emerton, RN, and Dr H.K. Buckley

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Professor and Mrs John Emerton, of Cambridge, and Hannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Buckley, of Rudgwick, Sussex.

Mr J.A. Hardy and Miss H.F. Don

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Hardy, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Henrietta, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Don, of North Elmham, Norfolk.

Mr J.H.A. Hay and Miss T.E. Forcer-Evans

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Dr H.R.C. Hay and of Mrs S.B. Downs and stepson of Mr J. Downs, of Wineham, West Sussex, and Tessa, daughter of Mr D.W. Forcer-Evans, of Jimena de la Frontera, Cadiz, and Mrs A.R. Forcer-Evans, of Much Wenlock, Shropshire.

Mr B.T. Horsbrugh and Miss C. Wessel

Miss Emily Wessel announces the wedding of her parents, Benedict Horsbrugh and Cornelia Wessel, later this summer, in Germany.

Mr R.J. O'Hagan and Miss M.T. D'Mellow

The engagement is announced between Rory, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.D. O'Hagan, of Perth, Western Australia, and Maria, elder daughter of the late Mr J.S. D'Mellow and of Mrs D. D'Mellow, of Ilford, Essex.

Mr K. Ross and Dr L. Williams

The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Ross, of Bonar Bridge, Sutherland, and Lesley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Bob Williams, of Bardsey, Yorkshire.

Mr S.J. Serrell-Watts and Miss S. Timmons

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, of 8961 Dicks Street, West Hollywood, California, 90069, son of Mr D'Arcy John Serrell-Watts and Mrs Lyn Rothman, of London, and Sheri, daughter of Mr Russell Mitchell Timmons, Jnr, and Mrs Claudia Hendon Dickerson, of Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Mr D.R. Vaudrey and Miss A.E. Pilcher

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of the late Colonel and Mrs W.E. Vaudrey, and Anne, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R.K. Pilcher, of Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr D.J. Whiting and Miss A.A.B. Porter

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Whiting, of Advie, Morayshire, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ivor Porter, of Chelsea, London.

Marriages

Mr D.L. Evans and Miss C.S.P. Lewis

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 12, at the Temple Church, London, between Mr David Evans, elder son of Mr and Mrs Alan Evans, and Miss Caroline Lewis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lewis. The Master of the Temple, the Rev Canon Joseph Robinson, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Joanna Lewis. Mr Simon Evans was best man.

A reception was held at Middle Temple Hall.

Dr E.C. Teixeira and Dr C.A. McCallum

The marriage took place on June 4, 1993, at the Camara Municipal de Valença, Bahia, Brazil, of Dr Edilson Costa Teixeira, son of Senhor and Senhora Evandro de Aquino Teixeira, and Dr Cecilia Anne McCallum, daughter of Mrs Anne Tatham and Mr Mike McCallum.

Mr A.A. Woods and Miss E.A. Dowse

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 5, 1993, at St John's Church, Banbury, of Mr Andrew Woods to Miss Edwina Dowse. The Rev John Blanc officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Julian Dowse, was attended by Alexander, Catherine and James Pickard, Hugh Ainscough, Lucia Johnstone and Hannah Newton. Mr John Hewson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, Goggs Hill, Bloxham. The honeymoon is being spent in France.

Captain K.F.E. Woods and Mrs D. Malcolm

The marriage took place on June 15 between Kenneth Woods and Diana Malcolm, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Guy Courtney.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House to mark the visit of Mr Ioan-Mircea Pascu, Romanian State Secretary for National Defence.

Barbers' Company

Mr D.C. Haywood, Headmaster of the City of London Freemen's School, was the speaker at the Barbers' Company annual awards luncheon held yesterday at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Master, presided, assisted by Mr R.J. Pincham, Upper Warden, Mr R. Simmons, Middle Warden, and Mr Alderman L.J. Chalstrey, Renter Warden. Among recipients of awards present were:

Students from all the medical schools of the London teaching hospitals, pupils from the City of London School, the City of London School for Girls, the City of London Freemen's School, Epsom College and Reed's School and the winner of the Barbers' Company Nursing Scholarship.

Latest wills

Recent wills include (net before tax paid):

Mr Ernest Norman Adsetts, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire £1,066,331

Miss Patricia Aldred, of Westington, Gloucestershire £1,102,045

Mr Graham Durbin Allwright, of East Sheen, SW14 ..... £508,566

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DEATHS

BEAMISH - On June 9th 1993 at his home Castleyross, County Cork, Richard, Beloved husband of Jo, father of Valerie, Huldine and Richard.

BROWN - On Sunday June 13th, after a short illness borne with great cheerfulness and fortitude, Major General Michael L-R.A.M.C. Devoted husband of Jill, loving father of Richard and Peter and proud grandfather of Katie and Christopher. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service on Tuesday June 22nd 11.30 am at the Garrison Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.A.M.C. Charities, c/o E. Finch & Sons, (0262) 22281.

CUZNER - Marjorie Kathleen peacefully on 16th June, beloved wife of Roy. Farewell from Dinas, Brian, Louise, Lucy and Humphrey.

HACKFORTH - On June 18th, Brian Leonard aged 68, beloved and loving husband of Joan and much loved and admired uncle and great-uncle. Service at Christ Church, Brockham, near Dorking, on Tuesday 22nd June at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers but if wished donations to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

HERON - On 16th June, peacefully at her home, Tracey. Beloved wife of Crp. Capt. John Heron, loving mother of Fiona, Jenny and Kate, dearest grandmother of Harry and Molly. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Almondsbury, at 2.30 pm Monday 21st June. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for flowers only please but donations. If desired, to Birkbeck College Endowment Fund c/o Jno. Sheel & Son, Funeral Directors, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hants.

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MARTIN - On June 14th, peacefully in hospital, John Westwood Martin M.B.E. aged 86, brother of Terry. Sadly missed by his many friends. Cremation at Eastbourne on Thursday June 24th at 2.30 pm. No flowers or donations by his request. Enquiries to Mummery F/D, 51 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. (0424) 730418.

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OLDAKER - On Tuesday 15th June 1993 peacefully at home in Saffron Walden, Doris Vera. Dearly loved and devoted wife of the late Angus Ian, beloved mother of Susanne, adored grandmother of Mark, Verity and mother-in-law of David. Funeral Service at St Mary's Parish Church, Saffron Walden, on Monday 21st June at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Cancer Research Campaign may be sent c/o H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3AQ.

PHELPS - Suddenly after a short illness, Gilbert Henry (Gil), at his home in Oxfordshire. Much loved and missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. Funeral at 6 pm, Saturday 19th June, at Holy Trinity Church, Fisherick. Flowers to his home.

ROLL - Suddenly on June 13th 1993 at his home in Raunds, Northamptonshire, Norman aged 65 years. Dearly loved husband of Betty. Funeral Service at Kettering Crematorium tomorrow Friday June 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for The Grand Charity of The United Grand Lodge of England, c/o A. Abbott and Sons, Funeral Director, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northants. tel: (0933) 312142.

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SHEPPARD - On June 15th 1993, peacefully in Cranhill Nursing Home, Bath, Walter William Sheppard B.Sc.(Econ.). Husband of the late Edith and father of the late Anthony. Funeral Service at Bath Abbey on Wednesday June 23rd at 3pm, followed by interment at Bratton, Wilts. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, 6 Terrace Walk, Bath.

WAITE - Margaret Eleanor Hearne, peacefully at South Hams Hospital on June 14th 1993, wife of the late Raymond Ralph Waite, dearly loved by her children Gilly and James, sister Ka and all her family. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints, West Alvington, Kingsbridge, on Tuesday 22nd June at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o John D. Andrews & Son, 119 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1AL.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

JOHN CONNALLY

John Bowden Connally, former US Secretary of the Treasury, Governor of Texas, and unsuccessful presidential aspirant, died on June 15 aged 76. He was born in Floresville, Texas, on February 27, 1917.

LIFE was a roller-coaster ride for "Big John" Connally — a man whose personality and driving ambition carried him from poverty to fame and fortune, and whose colossal ego led to ultimate disaster.Seriously wounded in the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy, when he was serving his first term as Democratic Governor of Texas, he went on to serve two more terms as governor in the 1960s before switching parties and making unsuccessful bids for the Republican presidential nomination.

Connally grew up in a small town near San Antonio, Texas, one of seven children of a poor farmer. Handsome and self-assured, he soon left his impoverished background behind. At the age of 21, after studies at the University of Texas at Austin, he was called to the Texas Bar and promptly became an aide to a freshman Congressman named Lyndon B. Johnson. The association between Johnson and Connally was to have profound consequences. In 1948, after serving a stint in the US Navy, Connally managed the campaign which carried Lyndon Johnson into the Senate. It was a bitterly fought election, widely alleged to have been won by fraud, but it set Johnson on the road to the White House.

During the 1950s, while LBJ was wheeling and dealing his way to control of the Senate, Connally was working as an attorney for a Texas oil billionaire, accumulating wealth and business contacts. He was already proving a less-than-loyal supporter of the Democratic party, campaigning for Dwight Eisenhower against Adlai Stevenson in 1952, but he switched back to run Lyndon Johnson's vice-presidential campaign in 1960.

Johnson, though he showed his gratitude by recommending that President Kennedy appoint Connally to the post of Navy Secretary in 1961, had few illusions about his former protégé. He is quoted by James Reston in his 1989 biography of Connally, *Lone Star*, as saying: "John Connally doesn't have even the tiniest trace of compassion. He can leave more dead bodies in the field with less remorse than any politician I ever knew."

Johnson, who was talking at the time to Under-Secretary of State George Ball, added: "You know, George, I can use raw power — I can use raw power as well as anyone. You've seen me do it. But the difference between John and me is he *loves it*."

Connally's tenure as Navy Secretary did not last long. He resigned after 11 months to run for the Texas governorship, winning the 1962 election after a brilliant and energetic campaign. In the following November he was sitting in front of Kennedy in the presidential limousine when the president was shot. Connally was hit too. The bullet passed through his body, leaving him with scars on his back, chest, wrist and thigh. He always believed, in fact, that it was he, and not the president, who was the target of the attack.

The sympathy aroused by his narrow escape helped Connally to retain the governorship for two more terms, though his opposition to civil rights measures and social welfare legislation, plus his vehement support for the Vietnam war, had made him highly unpopular with liberal Democrats. This did not stop him, however, dabbling his toes in presidential politics. At the Chicago Democratic convention of 1968 he briefly joined in a bid to prevent Hubert Humphrey's nomination.This involved him in an improbable, last-minute alliance with the "peace candidate," Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, but it soon fell apart and Humphrey was duly nominated — only to be defeated in the November election. In the light of this, it was not surprising that President Nixon nominated Connally as his Treasury Secretary in December 1970 — a move that left Lyndon Johnson, who had not been consulted by Connally before his acceptance, shocked and angry.

The year 1971 was a time of US recession and international monetary crisis. Connally took a highly nationalist stance, persuading Nixon to abandon the gold standard, place a 10 per cent surcharge on all imported goods, and devalue the dollar by 8 per cent. At meetings of the Group of Ten, and the International Monetary Fond, he adopted a hard bargaining position which did little to endear him to America's allies.

But his strategy worked. Ignoring contrary advice from the State Department, Connally kept up the pressure until, in December that year, he won greater currency revaluations from European countries and Japan than anyone had thought possible. Anthony Barber, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, remarked that "a lesser man, a man less tough than Connally, could not have done it".

Connally, though still nominally a Democrat, was now turning more openly towards identification with the Republicans and had moved closer to Nixon's inner circle of advisers. In May 1972, he resigned his post at the Treasury and began campaigning actively for the president's re-election, founding "Democrats for Nixon" in opposition to the Democratic candidacy of George McGovern.

Nixon won by a landslide and Connally, who had ambitions to run for the White House at the next election due in 1976, finally changed parties. Given that the Watergate scandal was already underway, a liberal joke of the time had it that his defection represented "the only known instance in recorded history of a rat swimming *towards* a sinking ship".

Connally had confidently expected to be rewarded with the office of Secretary of State. It was not to be. Henry Kissinger moved from the White House to replace William Rogers, and the former Treasury Secretary had to be content with the post of "special adviser" which he left after only five weeks.

It may have been that Connally sensed the coming denouement of the Watergate story. If so, he was too late to avoid all involvement. He had, after all, advised the president: "Have Ziegler (the president's spokesman) assemble the White House press corps in the Rose Garden, pile up all the tapes, set a match to them, and let them then film the bonfire."

Congressional investigations found him to be involved in several examples of misdoings by the Nixon administration, and he was ultimately indicted by the Watergate grand jury on five counts of perjury, accepting a bribe, and conspiring to obstruct the course of justice, in connection with a $10,000 payment from dairy lobbyists.

Connally was acquitted on all counts in April 1975, but his presidential ambitions had been irreparably damaged. When he tried to seek the Republican nomination in 1980, he spent $11 million on a campaign that garnered him only a single delegate at the national convention."I reminded everyone of Lyndon," he explained.

Unabashed, Connally returned to Texas and, at the age of 63, set about making some real money. The state was booming, and he went into partnership with Ben Barnes, a former lieutenant-governor, to exploit the profits to be made in oil and real estate, borrowing vast sums to build houses, offices, condominiums and shopping malls. The two men even gave their personal guarantees for millions of dollars to fellow speculators. Extraordinarily, in view of Connally's legal training, they neglected to incorporate, accepting personal responsibility for every debt.

And then, in 1986, the bottom dropped out of the oil market and the boom went bust. In a welter of law suits, Connally declared bankruptcy with debts of $93 million. He never did anything in a small way.

One of America's last sights of John Connally came in January 1988: television images of an old man, still handsome, standing on the front lawn of his mansion while his personal possessions were auctioned off to pay his debts. He is survived by his wife Idanell, two sons and a daughter.

LINDSAY HASSETT

Lindsay Hassett, MBE, Australia's cricket captain from 1949 until 1953, died yesterday at his home in Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, aged 79. He was born in Geelong, Victoria, on August 28, 1913.

OF THE 38 cricketers to have led Australia into a Test match none was smaller than Arthur Lindsay Hassett and few can have been so popular. Given the unenviable task of taking over from Sir Donald Bradman, Hassett captained Australia 24 times — 14 times to victory — with a light, yet firm touch. Behind his impish humour lay a proper sense of duty and determination, as well as an astute cricketing brain, and there was never a better, more nimble player of spin bowling. Sir Neville Cardus wrote of him that if he batted on a snow-covered pitch his footprints would probably resemble those of a bird.

Although, while still a schoolboy at Geelong College, he scored 147 for a Victorian Country XI against the touring West Indian side in the Australian season of 1930-31, it was another six years before Hassett gained a regular place in the full Victorian side. When chosen to tour England under Bradman in 1938 he had scored only one first-class hundred; but his second, third and fourth innings over here were 146, 148 and 220 not out against Oxford University, Leicestershire and Cambridge University respectively.

For the next 30 years Hassett continued to come to England — either as player, wartime soldier or part-time commentator. Although the second world war, in which he served in the Middle East and New Guinea, took away what could well have been his best playing years — he was just 26 years when it started — it provided him with the chance, as Warrant Officer Hassett (he had declined the offer of a commission), to lead the Australian Services XI on a long and happy victory tour of England and India in 1945. He was the ideal man for the job.

On his three main tours of England — with Bradman in 1938 and 1948, and as captain in 1953 — Hassett's overall average was 56. In South Africa in 1949-50, when he was also captain, it was 68. Despite his size — he was 5ft 6ins and not infrequently mistaken, when in England, for Charlie Smirke the jockey — he had a sense of timing which vested his strokes with unexpected power. Because of this, one of his sobriquets was the Mighty Atom, although towards the end of his career he found it noticeably harder to get the ball away. It was very unusual in those days for an Australian to play on until past his fortieth birthday, as Hassett did.

Bill O'Reilly, described by Bradman as the greatest bowler he ever saw, rated Hassett, not Bradman himself, as the most difficult batsman he ever bowled to. Hassett danced down the pitch to play O'Reilly, as he did all spin bowlers, in a way seldom seen today. O'Reilly used to say that if barrackers in Australia wanted to get at him they would call "Go easy 'Tiger', or we'll send for Hassett." Their rivalry developed into a lifelong friendship whenever the game brought them together, both during and after their playing days, they were inseparable, one towering over the other.

Hassett scored ten Test hundreds, the highest of them his 198 not out against India at Adelaide in 1947-48. Three of them were in England, including the last of all, at Lord's in 1953 when Bailey and Watson shared their famous, match-saving partnership. Only three Australians (Bradman, W. H. Ponsford and W. M. Woodfull) and one Indian (V. M. Merchant) have ever retired with more than 10,000 first-class runs to their credit at a higher average than Hassett's 58.24. And among the makers of more than 50 first-class hundreds Hassett's ratio of one every 5.45 innings is bettered only by Bradman, though Graeme Hick (5.51) is hard on his heels. Hassett was a very fine, completely natural, splendidly versatile batsman; and as a fielder, especially in the covers, he was as quick and neat as they come. He scored, all told, 16,890 runs, and hit 59 hundreds.

But it is as much for the spirit in which he played the game and as an unofficial ambassador in the post-war years that Lindsay Hassett should be remembered. His speeches were brief but witty; he had no time for anything remotely resembling sharp practice. "Lindsay was all fun," said Keith Johns, his manager with the Australian Services XI. "He delighted in deflating pomposity and pretension, but was as staunch as could be when it mattered. He could handle any crisis with a few words or a simple action." Keith Miller, the great and gregarious Australian all-rounder, reckoned that no other cricketer of his acquaintance had so many genuine friends in all walks of life as Hassett.

For most of his working life Hassett had a sports goods business in Melbourne, and after retiring as a player became a conspicuously public-minded member of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's Test commentary team. He continued that capacity until 1981 when he said he had had enough of the misbehaviour of some modern players. He was appointed MBE for his services to cricket in 1953.

He leaves his widow Thelma and their two daughters.

KEITH PIGGOTT

Keith Piggott, former National Hunt jockey, racehorse trainer and father of Lester Piggott, died on June 15 aged 89. He was born on April 11, 1904.

THE surprise victory of the 66-1 outsider, Ayala, in the 1963 Grand National provided Keith Piggott with the most striking success of his career. Largely as a result of it, he finished the season at the top of the list of winning National Hunt trainers with prize money of £23,091.

Just how much of a surprise it was may be judged not only by the starting price but also by the fact that, just before the second last fence, Ayala's rider, Pat Buckley, had shouted across to John Lawrence as he took the lead on Carrickbeg: "Go on, John, you'll win!"

For fully half-a-minute, until the crucial closing stages of the long, punishing Aintree run-in, the accuracy of that snap assessment appeared to be in little danger. But, within sight of the post, Carrickbeg had given his all. He sprawled and changed his legs. His amateur rider's strength, too, was spent, and hard as Lawrence (later Lord Oaksey) tried, there was no more assistance to be had from the saddle.

Meanwhile Buckley, on Ayala, had never given up what may have seemed to the thousands in the stands to be a quite hopeless pursuit. As Carrickbeg began to tire, the gap between the two struggling horses closed. With 50 yards to go the horses were neck-and-neck. Then, with a final desperate effort, Ayala, carrying the colours of the hairdresser, "Teasy Weasy" Raymond, got his head in front and prevailed by three quarters of a length.

Keith Piggott was the son of an outstanding National Hunt jockey, Ernie Piggott, who rode more than 1,000 winners, was three times champion rider over the jumps and whose successes included the Grand National on Jerry M in 1912 and on Poethlyn in 1919. His mother, in turn, was the sister of those famous flat jockeys, Mornington Cannon, six times champion in the 1980s, and Kempton Cannon.

Piggott soon followed his father's profession. Apprenticed first to Bet Lines, then to Frank Barling, he rode his first flat winner at Newbury on his fifteenth birthday but increasing weight forced him to turn to jumping. His major successes were on Vaulx in the 1925 Welsh Grand National, on Trump Card in the 1927 Grand Sefton Chase and on African Sister in the 1939 Champion Hurdle. Unluckily, a broken thigh robbed him of the winning ride on Grakle in the 1931 Grand National. In all, he rode 500 winners.

After the war he took out a trainer's licence and, with a small string of under twenty horses at Lambourn, was successful both on the flat and under National Hunt rules, particularly with hurdlers. After Ayala, his best horse was Anselmo, owned by Billy Fury, the pop singer. Anselmo, at 100-1, was fourth behind Santa Claus in the 1964 Derby, then, having won five hurdle races out of six, including the valuable Victor Ludorum at Haydock Park, looked like champion hurdle material. But his temperament got the better of him and Anselmo faded from view the following season.

Eastern Warrior, a tough long-distance hurdler, was probably Piggott's next best success. In 1963-64 he put up some very smart performances and finished the season with no fewer than eight victories behind him, as well as being five times runner-up and three times third. In the 1950s both Mull Sack and Royal Task recorded seven wins apiece for the stable while Carola Pride achieved five victories shared between the flat and the jumps. Leedsy was another consistent performer in the following decade and so, too, was Lanconello.

These names are firmly in the record books; what is not capable of being so accurately chronicled is Keith Piggott's greatest contribution to the turf: the training not of a horse but of a human being — his son Lester, whose prodigious achievements in riding a record number of English classic winners comprise almost a record book in themselves.

The father's teaching of the son was the solid bedrock of Lester's professional success. Piggott senior was patient and kind but also strict with his instruction. By the age of ten, Lester was riding the horses in his father's yard. Two years later he was apprenticed to his father and, at 14, rode the first of more than 5,000 winners in this country and abroad.

Nor did Keith Piggott's teaching stop with Lester. He possessed a cinema projector and films of many Grand Nationals. Before Jay Trump's Grand National triumph in 1965, Fred Winter and the American rider, Tommy Crompton Smith, eagerly studied these at the Piggott home. Most recently his skill as a backroom architect of victory in big races was similarly exercised not only with Ray Cochrane before riding the Derby winner Kahyasi in 1988, but also with Alan Munro who acknowledged that he owed much to the Piggott family and film library before Generous swept to success at Epsom in 1991.

Keith Piggott's wife Iris predeceased him. He is survived by his son Lester.

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THE NEW YORK STEAMSHIP DISASTER

(From our correspondent)

NEW YORK, June 15.

Early this morning the steamer *General Slocum* started from the pier on East River carrying 1,800 women and children, parishioners of St. Mark's-Evangelical Lutheran Church, which is situated in one of the most densely-populated districts of the East Side. The occasion was a picnic in connexion with the Church Sunday School. The day was a perfect one. The children and their mothers, dressed in their best and carrying flags, marched to the pier, headed by a band ...

To-night hundreds of those who began the day so gaily are dead; many others are badly injured and scores of the survivors are insane as the result of the awful sights they witnessed. Three hundred bodies have already been recovered, while the number lying at the bottom of the river and in the burned and stranded steamer can only be guessed at.

What caused the fire which destroyed the *General Slocum* is at present unknown. All that is known now is that barely an hour after the vessel got under way there was a cry of fire, smoke curled up from the bows, and in a few minutes the people on board were confronted with the choice of death by fire or by drowning. Observers on shore, utterly unable to aid the victims, were rendered frantic by the pitiable sight presented by the blazing mass. People were seen clinging to the sides like flies, dropping by twos and threes as their hope died. Mothers threw their children overboard, and some of the few men on the boat, maddened by fear, trampled down women and children in order to get to the sides and leap into the water ...

June 16

"The responsibility for the hundreds of lives sacrificed lies at the door of the Government steamboat inspectors, who declared that the *General Slocum* was properly provided with fire and life-saving apparatus. In face of this false declaration look at the facts. The pumps and fire-hose failed to work, not a boat was lowered, not a life raft would float, while the life preservers dragged down those who wore them. The *General Slocum*, though bearing the inspectors' certificate of full equipment, had no effective means of saving her own hull from fire or the life of a single passenger from drowning."

The foregoing is taken from a leading article in the *Evening Post*, the most conservative organ in this city. It expresses no more and no less than the truth ...

I suppose by this time the meaning of the American word "graft" is known in London. It was "graft" which was responsible for yesterday's appalling "accident". Some months ago the owner of certain harbour boats was asked by a reporter about the condition of his flotilla. He replied: "My boats ought to be well equipped, for I do not bribe the inspectors." The life-belts of the *General Slocum* sank like so many stones. The fire-hose was rotten. The lifeboats were fastened by wire and could not be moved. Every safeguard on the vessel was a mockery ...

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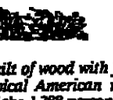


General Slocum was built of wood with four spacious desks — a typical American river paddle steamer. Out of the 1,388 persons on board, 957 died. A board of enquiry found the ship's owners guilty of negligence.

Changing Spanish practices

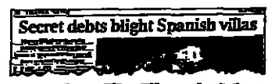
A code of conduct for estate agents in Spain will come too late for many victims. **Marianne Curphey** reports

A new code of conduct is being drawn up this week by estate agents, developers and vendors in an attempt to provide additional protection for British sun-seekers buying property in Spain.

The move follows complaints — highlighted by Travel News in *The Times* last month — from British families alleging sharp practice by unscrupulous developers and owners who took hidden mortgages against their villas and houses, leaving them with huge hidden loans to repay.

One such victim, Mrs Dorothy Duke, is facing the loss of her life's savings and her home and has a debt mounting at a rate of £1,300 a month.

The previous owners of her £110,000 property in Bonanova — a small village near Palma, Majorca — took out a mortgage four or five months before she bought it from them for cash.



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She knew nothing of the mortgage — which carried an original interest rate of 16 per cent but which has now increased to 25 per cent — until she tried to sell the house. The previous owners then fell behind with their repayments. Under Spanish law the debt is on the property, not the individual, and so she is responsible for paying off the outstanding loan of around £70,000.

"There is no way I can pay it off," says Mrs Duke, who is in her sixties, "but if the bank moves in I could lose my home." She has begun court action in Spain against the previous owners.

"I employed a lawyer who inspected the property register two weeks before the sale and said he found it clear of debts or mortgages," she says. "But between the inspection and the purchase date the owners were granted a mortgage on the property from a local bank.

"This did not show up on the property register until three days before the sale and I only found out about its existence when an estate agent valued the house. The sellers swore in front of a notary that the property was 'free and clear'."

Mrs Duke's case has now been taken up by the Spanish-based watchdog body the Institute of Foreign Property Owners, which has drawn up the new code of conduct. The institute's Majorcan representative, Ms Kate Mentink, says: "If necessary we will take Mrs Duke's case to the European Court.

"At present we are talking to both parties and trying to find a way for the previous owners to raise the money to pay off their debt."

The institute has persuaded members of the Spanish semi-professional College of Real Estate Agents, and the Federation of Builders and Promoters, both based in Alicante, that the time has come to "wage an active campaign against the fraud and illegalities" of a section of the holiday-home market.

The two bodies will sign a "charter of guarantees" promising to act only in accordance with the law. This includes ensuring there are no bad debts or hidden mortgages, guaranteeing that homes are adequately serviced and have planning permission, and guaranteeing that property under construction will be completed.

The new agreement so far relates only to Alicante province, which nonetheless represents a large proportion of the market. The institute hopes other areas will follow the initiative. The move may also help stimulate the Spanish property market, currently suffering from the effects of the recession and a bad press. Mr Per Svensson, the institute's managing director, who describes sales in the country as "paralysed", estimates that 30,000 finished but unsold properties intended for tourists lie empty in the province of Alicante alone. Along the Costa Blanca this week developers are auctioning off unsold properties at a fraction of their normal cost.

The launch of the charter coincides with a new law, passed as a royal decree, which takes effect on August 6 and obliges a notary to obtain a search of the property with a description of any debts or charges on it.

A buyer will be able to ask the notary to fax the new deed to the property register the same day, where it will be entered into the records immediately, so blocking any other transactions on the property. The guidelines have been welcomed by the Conservative Euro-MP Edward McMillan-Scott, who has carried out many investigations into cross-frontier property transactions.

Steve Emmett, chairman of the Federation of Overseas Property Developers, Agents and Consultants (FOPDAC) which represents 30 British companies dealing in foreign home purchase, said: "Although we have not heard yet of this particular initiative we would support anything which helps to clean up the market. We are in favour of anything which helps to safeguard people but until the Spanish themselves enforce the laws which already exist nothing will change."

Buyers should follow normal, sensible precautions just as they would in this country "or they could get caught out," he said. "They should always ensure they have a good lawyer who knows the Spanish system."

Mrs Duke: with a debt growing at £1,300 a month, she faces the loss of her life's savings and her home

After A-level the world's your oyster

Many students are taking a "gap" year off. But where to go?

Three-quarters of a million students will next week heave a sigh of relief as this year's A-levels come to an end. Ahead lies university or full-time work; but before they start, more and more plan to take a year off to spread their wings and travel.

"Where you go depends on the person," says James Flecker, head of Ardingly College and an enthusiast for Gap Years. "People with least confidence can stay in Britain, the next rung can go to an English-speaking country and those who can handle it can venture to the developing world."

For brave students (and courageous parents), the most exciting option is to do voluntary work overseas, where the student pays the fares and insurance and the host provides bed and board and perhaps pocket money.

GAP Activity Projects (0734-594914) places school-leavers in 27 countries from Mexico to Hong Kong, doing social work, conservation and teaching English. Volunteers go for six months in two batches, one in the autumn and one in January, to give students time to earn money towards the trip.

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Volunteers also go out every month to work on Israeli kibbutzim. They need to be at least 18 and fit — volunteers work a six-day week for two to six months — but the kibbutz will arrange some sightseeing too.

For the less bold, childcare offers a chance to travel to places where they speak English or share a similar culture. Camp America recruits students over 18 to work in its children's summer camps; they pay the fare and then deduct it from wages. European adventure centres also recruit summer helpers.

For longer stays, students can work for a family. American families pay the fare, European families don't, but working conditions are often tougher in the US.

Europe is the easiest place to start during the holiday season. Jobs can be found on arrival. Restaurants, hotels and farms all need summer workers.

Generous parents could fund a bucket-shop ticket to Australia, hugely popular with young people. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 who can show that they have £2,000 can get a 13-month working holiday visa from the Australian High Commission in London which allows students to carry out casual work.

It is also advisable to get an international student identity card, which brings discounts on fares, hostels and admission charges. They are available from Campus Travel, in their own shops and in YHA Adventure Shops.

The Schools Fair, sponsored By *The Times* at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, from June 30 to July 2, will include a Gap Year Pavilion, at which travel companies and voluntary organise will offer advice.

BRENDA HOUGHTON

The long-term future of St Lucia's jazz festival looks rosy

Music to the ears

Tourism officials in St Lucia are counting the cost of the second St Lucia Jazz festival which, although receiving widespread acclaim, lost money. Now the Caribbean island plans to make an annual event — and use the expected profits from music to boost its income from the banana industry.

The calibre of jazz artists performing at the second festival the end of last month reflected the St Lucia's tourist board's attempt to rival the Moreux festival: Herbie Hancock played at Sandals La Toc inger Nancy Wilson and jazz trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis performed at an open air concert at Pigeon Island, mostly to capacity crowds.

The £600,000 cost of staging the festival represents a significant investment by the tourist board. Organisers hope that the sale of TV rights for footage of this year's festival will off-set this year's expected £150,000 net loss.

Their aims are artistic as well as commercial, as evidenced by this year's line-up. Artists such as big band singer and pianist Harry Connick Jnr and Chick Corea are being muted as crowd pullers for next year.

One of the key aims of the festival is to boost tourism in what, until recently, has been the low season from April to December. Tentative plans are being put together for a blues and rock festival towards the year end with this in mind.

PETER VICTOR

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The high note: St Lucia

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The height of skiing folly?

Greek environmentalists are up in arms over plans for Mount Olympus

Mount Olympus, Greece's highest peak and mythological home of the gods, is to become the site of the country's first Olympic-size ski centre — unless local and international environmental organisations can persuade the European Parliament to forbid European Community funding.

Government plans for the centre were announced in the context of the Delors package of special Community aid designed to help Greece and the other three weaker EC members — Spain, Portugal and Ireland — to narrow the gap separating them from the more developed Community partners.

The proposal has caused a storm of protest from local authorities in the Mount Olympus area, backed by Greek mountaineering and excursion clubs and the Mountain Wilderness international ecological group.

They claim that the centre will destroy Greece's last remaining area of unspoilt natural beauty; has been planned without any consideration for its environmental impact; and is viewed by government services only as a means of securing 800 million drachma from the Community coffers.

Plans for the centre, which were drawn up in 1988 but shelved because of construction costs and doubts about its viability, foresee in the first stage installations capable of serving 6,000 skiers daily, backed up by new hotels providing 7,500 beds.

Capacities will be raised in a second stage to 12,000 skiers daily and 9,000 hotel beds, at which point Greece will theoretically be in a position to apply to host a Winter Olympics.

The centre will be provided with restaurants, car parks and at least two new access roads along the wooded slopes of the mountain.

The Hellenic Federation of Mountaineering Clubs, which is spearheading the opposition to the centre in Greece and co-ordinating the search for allies internationally, says there would be no objection to a "strictly controlled development" of the Olympus massif, in absolute harmony with the environment and based on the creation of "national parks".

It claims that this view is supported by the Greek National Tourist Organisation, the state agency for tourism policy, which now has "the right attitude towards environmental protection, after all the damage that has been done in the past in various areas of Greece".

At present, the part of the mountain earmarked for the new centre is leased by the state to the Greek military and used for training special army units in mountain warfare.

While local authorities of the area have no particular objection to the creation of small winter sports facilities there — built with respect for the natural environment and with accommodation in a few village-style units — they say that anything developed on the scale proposed would be "totally destructive".

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World Cup woes for operators

To book or not to book for America? British football fans seem to be leaving it until the last moment to decide. **Steven Downes** reports

SIMON BRUTY

Here we go, here we go, here we go: but only if England make it through to the World Cup finals, it seems

The passage towards *next year's football* World Cup in America is proving just as awkward for travellers, airlines and tour operators as for the struggling national teams of England and Scotland.

The poor performances in the qualifying matches by both England and Scotland have meant that the vast majority of British supporters are stalling, at least until November, when it will be known whether their teams have qualified, and maybe until December 19, when the World Cup draw — and with it, the venue of the first-round matches — is determined.

Fans of the Republic of Ireland and Wales may have more hope of seeing their teams competing with the best, but they too must wait until nearer the time before committing themselves to package tours which could cost about £3,000.

Meanwhile, American Airlines, as the official airline for the competition, is trying to plan its own flight programme by persuading companies, particularly those in Europe, *South and Central America*, to reward high-achieving employees with trips to the World Cup. For the moment, however, the airline has been unable to sign many potentially lucrative deals because of the continuing uncertainty over which teams will qualify.

In Britain such uncertainty follows widespread criticism of the way in which tours to last year's European championship in Sweden were handled by Travel Management (Group) Ltd, the Football Association's then agents, culminating in two dissatisfied supporters winning out-of-court settlements against the firm.

Much of the criticism then resulted from the way in which the FA restricted the allocation of match tickets. Similar restrictions are now being imposed for the World Cup. The American organisers have so far insisted that tickets for the tournament will only be sold to American citizens. All visiting fans will have to obtain their tickets through their national associations or domestic agencies. In England, that means through the FA.

The reputation for causing trouble that has followed England supporters abroad since the 1970s led in turn to the FA evolving a policy of control over ticket sales, the centrepiece of which is the England Travel Club. The FA maintains that tickets for England's away games can only be guaranteed to members who pay £15 to join the club and then meet various requirements, including clearance by the police.

It is this stipulation which caused the greatest number of complaints last year to the Football Supporters' Association. For, while membership of the club may be the only way to guarantee tickets to England's away matches, it is certainly not the only way to acquire them. Last year, many supporters who would have preferred to travel to Sweden for the European Championships independently took the "FA-approved" package were angered when they arrived in Malmö to find that tickets were on sale from a portable office outside the ground.

Despite the success of the American national team in beating England 2-0 last week, the American public's general lack of interest in the World Cup may still mean that there will be plenty of tickets available for individual fans next summer. Michael Myers, a consultant for Greaves Travel, the FA's travel agency, said that cheap transatlantic flights and the ease of movement in America make it inevitable that people will travel there independently, despite the rules obliging fans to belong to the Travel Club.

Mr Myers sees there being three main groups of travellers going to the World Cup: the corporate entertainment traveller; the football supporter; and the British holidaymaker who will want to see a World Cup match during their stay. "Of course, if the tournament is a raging success, then tickets won't be available," he said. But if sales do not match the organisers' expectations it seems likely that the authorities will waive the "American citizens only" rule.

Steve Beauchampé, the international officer of the Football Supporters' Association, is worried that the existing FA rules could prevent many genuine fans from attending the tournament. "However good a package is, it is always going to be more expensive than travelling independently, and is not always what the individual wants," Mr Beauchampé says.

The Travel Club, with a membership last year of about 6,000, is held up as one means of countering hooliganism. However, the FSA is sceptical of the club's role in controlling fans: Mr Beauchampé sees it as a means of making more money out of them. "More than half of the England supporters in Poland last month did not buy their tickets through the FA. It's only for certain overseas matches, such as Holland v England, where the tickets can be a bit scarce, that there's really any advantage in being a member of the club."

Earlier this year, Rustom Cambata, the chairman of Greaves Travel, predicted that as many as 30,000 British fans would go to the World Cup finals. But for this month's US Cup '93 warm-up, Greaves sold fewer than 50 of its £700-plus packages of four-night trips to Boston, Washington and Detroit. American Airlines flew about 100 fans to the tournament, and is having to re-think its own initial estimates of how many will travel to and within America for the World Cup itself. The airline now believes it may be asked to carry as few as 1,000 from Britain.

The proposed £3,000 World Cup packages being put together by Greaves will appeal to the corporate client far more than to the average football supporter. Indeed, Mr Myers admits: "Every ticket we sell in the private market is one less for the corporate market."

Dutch ditch first class

Top-service air travel could become a thing of the past if other airlines decide to follow KLM's example

The Dutch airline KLM is to scrap its first-class cabins and drastically reduce the number of business class seats on long-haul international services because of the slump in demand for premium travel. The airline is the first within Europe to make the move: other carriers are expected to follow suit.

Airlines used to rely on their high-priced first and business class cabins to provide the bulk of their profit. With the recession, many big companies ordered their staff to "trade down" by booking cheaper seats and even chief executives became used to travelling in business class, rather than first. Senior staff had to fly economy.

At the same time, fierce competition on many routes, especially over the North Atlantic, led to a scramble to fill seats at almost any price, with ever lower fares. To try to keep business passengers, airlines up-graded the quality of service — but not enough to overcome the price differential.

Now most first-class cabins are filled only with non-paying senior airline staff, many of whom have it written into their contracts that they and their immediate family are entitled to first-class travel, senior employees from other airlines, travel agents, guests and regular business class travellers who are up-graded as a "reward" for their loyalty.

None provides additional revenue. Now they will be told that they will have to "make do" with business class when travelling either on business or on their annual leave.

KLM, which last year lost £202 million, says the first-class cabin was the biggest burden and it has decided to do away with it from the autumn. Instead it is to revamp its business class cabin, which will be reduced in size, and increase the economy section to cater for the still growing demand for low fares.

Business class will be moved to the top deck of the airline's fleet of 27 747s, beginning with the newest 747-400s. The 26 main deck business class seats will be replaced by 39 tourist class seats on 747-400s and by 55 economy seats on 747-300s flying the North Atlantic. The moves will result in an increase of more than 10 per cent in the number of seats available to tourists.

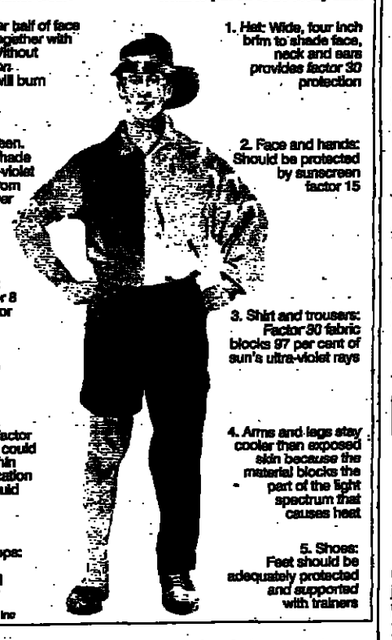
Marcel Pisters, chairman of the Association of European Airlines, which represents Europe's 23 leading carriers, said: "I would not be surprised if this trend is not followed by other airlines. European airlines have been badly hit and lost around $1.5 billion last year. As there is no real sign of an up-turn yet these kind of initiatives are inevitable."

British Airways will not, however, be one of those which drops its first-class service. The airline has spent more than £100 million in the past six months on up-grading both its premium-class products, including the introduction of new sleeper seats and airport lounges. "We are planning for the longer term," said a spokesman. "We do not just respond to changes every five minutes. We believe that our constant improvement to our first and business-class products will encourage more of these passengers to travel with us."

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Shirts with a screen

WANT TO AVOID SUNBURN? THEN COVER UP!



With thousands of holiday-makers heading for the sun-spots over the next three months, increasing fears of skin cancer will cause many to cover up.

Now a new type of clothing claiming to offer a far higher protection against the sun than can be achieved through sun creams has been developed in America and will be on sale in Britain this year — although a leading cancer charity says the clothing is unnecessary for most people.

The manufacturer, Sun Precautions, of Seattle, is targetting sports enthusiasts and others who spend long periods exposed to the sun. Developed for sun-sensitive people and patients suffering from skin cancer, the clothing offers protection against UVA and UVB radiation.

The company says the fabric is specially treated to act as a sun-shield, and was developed after research showed that fair-skinned people could be sunburnt through clothing. It says its Solumbra clothing offers a sun protection factor of 30 plus, while ordinary cotton shirts and T-shirts have a SPF of 7-9 and drop to only 4-5 when wet.

The company sells long-sleeved shirts, wide-brimmed hats, long trousers and children's clothing as a medical device under the US Food and Drug Administration for between £30 and £50 an item.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, which estimates that 33,000 new cases of skin cancer are treated every year in Britain, says ordinary summer clothing would normally be sufficient protection for people without a medical condition. A spokeswoman said: "I have not heard of people being sunburnt through clothing, so long as it is close-weave and long-sleeved."

The manufacturers, however, insist that even tight-weave clothing does not block radiation. "Many people can experience a slight burn through clothing" they say. "For especially sensitive people the damage may be even worse."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

Euro-wariness — and weariness — combine to make the New World the new tourist Mecca

Florida's sun shines

A new battle of the Atlantic is under way as airlines fight for a share of the fastest-growing travel business in the West. During the 1980s the number of Britons holidaying in America every year went from 629,000 to 1,249,000.

Major airlines are locked in a scheduled flight price war which Sir Michael Bishop of British Midland describes as "catastrophic". Charter rates are cheaper yet, and package tour operators are able to reduce prices even more because many American hotels have self-catering family suites that sleep up to six.

As a result, two-week package holidays in America can cost little more than a scheduled economy return ticket there, and less than packages of comparable quality in Europe.

Cheapness, Maastricht-inspired Euro-weariness and the advantage of being able to speak English on holiday are between them turning America into the favourite resort for the British after France, Spain and Greece. Twice as many now cross the Atlantic as go to Italy and the gap with Greece is closing fast.

The main battleground in the fares war is Orlando, Florida, which is now second only to Majorca as the favourite overseas holiday destination for the British, with about half a million flying there last year. Scheduled prices vary depending on when and how a ticket is booked. British Airways currently charges £345 for an Apex flight or £429 for a midweek economy return. The ordinary economy ticket costs £796. Virgin has some economy seats at £362, rising to £428 in July, with Apex flights at £377.

If travellers fly with Leisure UK — part of the Air UK group — on a package organised by Unijet, the peak season price will be no higher than £639. This includes 14 nights' accommodation in a hotel suite which would otherwise cost a couple £100 a day.

Skytours, using Britannia Airways, the only other charter carrier into Orlando, offers packages at about £480 each for a party of four, or £565 each for a couple.

The demand for Orlando has shot up even faster this summer because 25,000 people have qualified to travel there with free tickets from the Hoover promotion.

This, coupled with the decline in interest for European destinations, prompted Leisure to reduce its shorthaul services and move in on the transatlantic routes.

IAN MURRAY

Italian overture

OPERA-lovers can combine a holiday in Italy with prebooked tickets for La Scala in Milan, Rome's Opera House, Turin's Teatro Regio and the Arena di Verona. Bed and breakfast accommodation at the 4-star Leon d'Oro hotel is available from £349 for two nights during the opera season (July-August) from Italiatour (071 371 1114).

Midlands accent

RESIDENTS of Birmingham visiting the city's twin town of Lyons in France this summer can enjoy free admission to many of the city's attractions, including museums and swimming pools. They need proof that they live in Birmingham. Further information from Lyons Tourist Office. (01033 78422575.)

Train safari

SOUTHERN Africa Travel (0904 692469) is offering a ten-day Edwardian train journey on a safari through South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Tanzania. This can be combined with a two-night stay in Cape Town and two nights at the Ras Kutani beach resort in Tanzania for £5,610 per person.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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British Rail International

New track for Inter-Rail

THE Council of Europe has won a reprieve for the popular Inter-Rail budget youth railway pass which, for more than a generation, has allowed millions of backpackers to roam the continent. *Harvey Elliott writes.*

But the council said the $440 (£290) monthly travel card, under fire from railway companies in southern Europe which feel they provide most services in return for only a fraction of the revenue, is likely to undergo major changes.

The council stepped in after France, Italy, Spain and Portugal threatened to pull out of the 27-nation railway agreement, saying the deal was unfair to them.

A meeting of representatives of European governments, railway companies and the European Community agreed to maintain the 21-year-old travel card, which it said favours European integration, but only on condition that the pass is overhauled. Suggestions for changes will be discussed at another meeting in September.

The Inter-Rail pass, available to people under 26 and valid for a month, gives a buyer a 50 per cent discount in the country where it is bought and unlimited free travel in another 26 countries, from Finland to Morocco and Ireland to Turkey. More than eight million passes have been sold since the card was first offered in 1972.

Southern European countries said the deal is unfair because the main flow of tourists is from the north to the south. "Railway companies in the south sell fewer Inter-Rail tickets while providing more services than those in the north," a spokesman for SNCF, the French state railway company, said.

He added that while the deal suited countries such as the Netherlands, the SNCF was not covering its costs at the current Inter-Rail price. He suggested the new system could be along the lines of SNCF's Eurodomino monthly ticket which sells at various prices according to the countries visited — for example Ffr1,072 (£130) for Spain and Ffr817 francs for Sweden.

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NEWS

Tories to repay any tainted cash

■ Tory chairman Sir Norman Fowler has defended his party's decision to accept donations totalling £440,000 from companies controlled by fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir and promised to return the money if it was proved to be stolen.

In evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee, Sir Norman said the donations were made when Mr Nadir's Polly Peck business was regarded as "a leading and successful British company" Page 1

Serial killer has contacted police

■ The serial killer stalking London's gay community has telephoned police several times, on the last occasion to tell them he had killed again and how they could find the body. The man has said he would carry on killing at the rate of one a week until he was caught Pages 1, 3

Major's warning

John Major will today warn ministers to stop squabbling in public about economic policy as ministers meet to approve a tough crackdown on spending aimed at reining back the budget deficit. The cabinet is expected to hold spending next year to £253.6 billion Page 1

More flooding

Heavy rain has brought renewed flooding to parts of Cornwall. June is proving at least as rainy as May with many regions already up to their average for the entire month Page 1

Police baton trials

Michael Howard, the home secretary, has announced trials of a side-handled police baton during the next few months. Three other new types of baton will be taken on patrol by officers in London Page 5

Diplomatic harmony

Intervention by Britain's ambassador to Israel averted a diplomatic incident when he secured the return of Elton John, who stormed out of the country on Tuesday, claiming that his safety was threatened by overzealous media attention Page 3

Hand controls

Regular visitors to the United States are having their palms read electronically in a trial scheme aimed at ending the long queues at immigration control. Virgin Atlantic is testing the system at Newark Page 5

First solicitor judge

Michael Sachs, a former solicitor, is to become the first High Court judge appointed from outside the Bar. The reform was passed two years ago and the delay in making an appointment has drawn criticism from many solicitors Page 7

French tighten laws

The French parliament put the finishing touches to new laws to keep out unwanted foreigners, a drive which is earning great popularity for the new conservative government at a time of rising hostility to immigrants and non-white residents Page 13

Cuba looks to US

The collapse of the Cuban economy has forced the communist government to cut the armed forces and seek improved relations with the US after a 30-year trade embargo Page 12

Croats in flight

Thousands of Croats were in flight as victorious Bosnian Muslim forces began the sack of Kakanj. United Nations sources said that the fall of the town was a major blow to Croat forces Page 13

Hong Kong summit

A meeting in London later this month will try to tackle the impatience and frustration which is gripping the Hong Kong government and Whitehall at the lack of progress with Peking over prospects for democracy in the colony Page 11

Welcoming the Greek ship of state

■ For two centuries, the trireme was the queen of the Mediterranean and the warship of democracy. So it is fitting that thecelebration of 2,500 years of Greek democracy should be marked with the berthing of a replica trireme opposite the Palaceof Westminster: a symbolic greeting to the mother of parliaments Page 9

Unofficial opposition: a West Bank Jewish settler opposed to Middle East peace talks protests outside an Israeli cabinet meeting in Jerusalem yesterday. Hundreds of protesters tried to block traffic, but were dispersed by police. Golan deal, page 12

Lloyd's demand: More than 4,000 names in some of the worst Lloyd's syndicates are being asked to pay more than £157 million by the end of July Page 23

Maxwell fine: Goldman Sachs, the American investment firm, was fined £160,000 and ordered to pay £125,000 costs for breaching rules in relation to share dealings with Maxwell companies Page 23

Markets: Shares gained strength from Kenneth Clarke's Mansion House speech and the FT-SE 100 index closed at 2,883.0, up 13.0. But on the foreign exchange sterling was mixed, falling 1.72 cents to $1.5033 but rising .31 pfennigs to DM2.4925 Page 25

Cricket: Alan Lee previews the start of today's second Test against Australia at Lord's and suggests that another England defeat might be tolerated. Another display of defeatism will not Page 44

Tennis: David Miller assesses the 25 years that have passed since the game turned professional. In 1968 Rod Laver earned £2,000 for winning Wimbledon. This year's champion gets £305,000. But is the game any better? Page 39

Fishing: A day into the new coarse fishing season, Brian Clarke follows the elusive trail of the specimen hunters — anglers who devote their lives to the capture of great fish, by design Page 38

Out of this world: Robertson Davies would be an eccentric figure in any setting, but in demure, polite Canada, he is a creature from outer space Page 14

Medical briefing: How John Clare found asylum, cancer diagnosis under scrutiny, and a new drug for the treatment of diabetes. Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports Page 15

Safety first: Heart disease and strokes cause half of all deaths in the United Kingdom. Now a pioneering form of medical screening is being introduced to tackle the problem Page 15

Risky treatment: Can cancer chemotherapy annihilate the libido? James Le Fanu reports Page 15

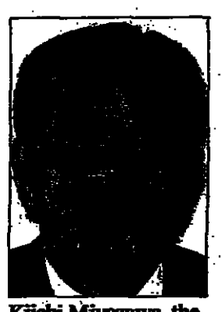
Last testament: The French film *Savage Nights* relates a torrid affair overshadowed by Aids. It was written by, and stars, Cyril Collard, who finished making it a few months before he died of Aids-related illnesses Page 33

Rival gallery plans: As Glasgow and Edinburgh vie to host the National Gallery of Scottish Art, Sir Norman Foster and Terry Farrell are among architects who have unveiled designs Page 35

National theatre: RSC playwright Peter Whelan has met representatives from the 60 amateur drama goups that will simultaneously premiere his new play across Britain in the autumn Page 35

Evan Steadman vows that his musical based on Robert Maxwell's life will be staged, in spite of the threat of writs Page 5

Art Garfunkel will rejoin Paul Simon for a series of concerts in New York in the autumn — the first by the duo since 1981 Page 12



Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, faces a vote of no confidence tabled by an unusually militant opposition Page 11

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Nightmare on Acacia Avenue

■ Cars have been torched and neighbours attacked because homeowners regard the stretch of pavement outside their homes as their parking space

Levin: a time to disregard

■ Now we have a clock that they tell us will be showing the right time a million years hence, though they do not tell us what is the use of it, much less tell us what use it will be a million years hence

Anchored in the future

■ One the largest British open-air sculpture shows opens this week at Chelsea Harbour. "Well-intentioned but incoherent" is Richard Cork's verdict

Colonel John Robertson went missing during the Vietnam war. A quarter of a century later a photograph suggests he may still be alive. His daughter takes up the search. *True Stories* (Channel 4, 9.35pm) Page 43

A timewarp

The closure of the Timex factory and the consequent loss of jobs will not trouble the militants' sleep. As far as they are concerned, the more unemployment the better. "The consciousness of the oppressed", as they put it in their cruel idiom, has been raised Page 17

Half modern country

Japan's party barons are a stubborn lot. But the miracle of political modernisation, which eluded the Meiji Restoration and the architects of Japan's postwar democratic constitution alike, may merely have been postponed Page 16

Self defence for police

Little secret has been made of the growing estrangement between the police and the Home Office. Michael Howard has given a clear signal that he will be more receptive than Kenneth Clarke to complaints and anxieties among the police Page 17

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

After five years, the cost of servicing the national debt will have risen by the equivalent of 10 pence on the standard rate of income tax, even if interest rates have not risen from their present level Page 16

PHILIP HOWARD

Originally an umpire was a "nonpeer", that is, somebody who was a partisan of neither side. In cricket and military exercises he his notoriously erratic, wrong-headed and infuriating Page 16

Leading sports personalities suggest that the national lottery be made a charitable foundation, with more money available for sport Page 17

If you think Washington is disorganised now, take a look at what's going on in Vienna. The old Hapsburg capital this week is host to a world-class waltz of hypocrisy, otherwise known as the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights

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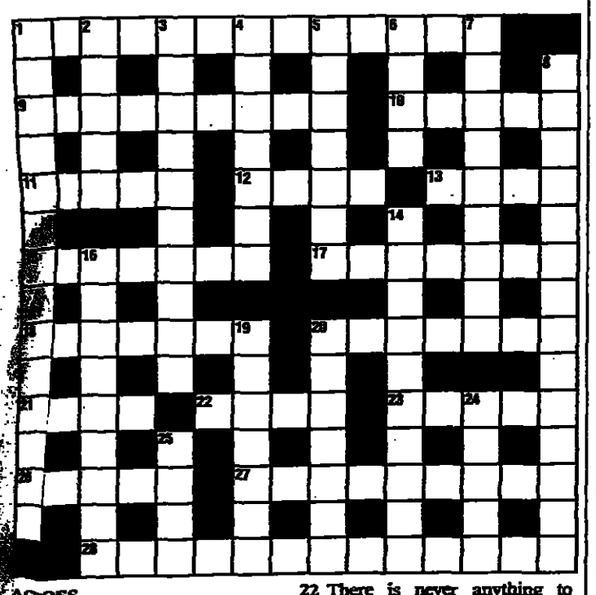

ACROSS

1 Smooths the way forward — it's all downhill (5,8).
9 Whatever happens, prepare a tea-tray about mid-evening (2,3,4).
10 Suit an Athenian? Not altogether (5).
11 Twin set of pearls could be engaging (5).
12 The trick of role reversal (4).
13 Defeat in Open (4).
15 Founder as Welsh chieftain is deserted by heartless Gael (7).
17 Audiovisual aid incorporating the French was useful (7).
18 It was a burning topic for Dante (7).
20 Does this enable Texan to keep his head during attacks? (7).
21 Solicitor overcharging for tickets (4).
22 There is never anything to unwrap for her (4).
23 Cricketers touring round the east find a popular resort (5).
26 Provide old vehicle right to the end (5).
27 Emphasise change needed at last for Junior here (9).
28 The bloody lash much exercised at this school? (9,4).

DOWN

1 I had to retreat, caught at the front and given such an order (4,3,4,3).
2 Villain in a suit? (5).
3 Show that one agrees, for example, with the Bible (3,3,4).
4 Priest has a hidden source of energy (7).
5 There's no end of pineapple on a Caribbean island (7).
6 Invented dairy produce? (4).
7 Suppresses a fever (9).
8 Ghost-writer of one's biography? (9,5).
14 Add liquidity to currency, with guards against forgery (10).
16 Wouldn't settle for mistake in legal document (9).
19 Love poetry is about universal, but may turn into cliché (7).
20 Be likely to give support (5,2).
24 Tea consumed in this part of the world (5).
25 Almost take down sovereign's order (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,258

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Canada $	2.05	1.89
Denmark Kr	10.12	9.32
Finland Mrk	9.10	8.30
France Fr	9.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.83	2.43
Greece Dr	362.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.29	11.29
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.98
Italy Lira	2345.00	2200.00
Japan Yen	177.50	159.50
Netherlands Gld	2.98	2.73
Norway Kr	11.11	10.51
Portugal Esc	248.00	230.00
South Africa Rd	6.25	5.35
Spain Pta	196.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	11.70	10.80
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	16200.0	15200.0
USA $	1.60	1.47

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Much of the country will have sunshine and showers. In eastern England, showers should be light and scattered, but heavier in the West. Northern Ireland, Wales and southwest England will be cloudy with long spells of rain by evening. Northern Scotland will be cloudy with outbreaks of rain, but Orkney and Shetland will be bright. Outlook: rain spreading from the West to all parts on Friday. Brighter with showers on Saturday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain.

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Alicante	25	77	s	Malta	24	75	s
Alex'dria	29	79	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Algiers	25	77	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Amst'dm	14	57	c	Milan	27	81	s
Athens	29	84	f	Montreal*	17	63	r
Bahrain	36	97	s	Moscow	19	61	c
Barbados*	31	88	s	Munich	19	66	f
Barcelna	23	73	s	Nairobi	21	70	f
Beirut	28	73	s	Naples	28	82	f
Belgrade	23	73	f	N Delhi	36	97	s
Berlin	16	61	c	N York*	29	79	f
Bermuda*	25	77	f	Nice	23	73	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	Oslo	18	61	f
Borde'x	23	73	f	Paris	21	70	s
Brussels	17	63	r	Peking	19	66	f
Budapst	20	68	s	Perth	15	59	c
Cairo	35	95	s	Prague	18	64	f
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago*	21	70	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Ch'church	17	63	f	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	13	55	r	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'penhgn	14	57	c	Rome	25	77	s
Corfu	28	79	s	Salzburg	21	70	s
Dublin	15	59	r	S Frisco*	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	27	81	c	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Faro	26	79	s	Seoul	29	84	f
Florence	28	82	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Frankfurt	21	70	f	St'kholm	15	59	f
Funchal	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Geneva	22	72	s	Sydney	15	59	s
Gibraltar	24	75	s	Tangier	30	86	s
Helsinki	15	59	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbruck	23	73	s	Tokyo	31	88	c
Istanbul	27	81	f	Toronto*	24	75	f
Jeddah	39	102	s	Valencia	26	79	f
Jo'burg*	18	61	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	r
L Palmas	23	73	s	Venice	25	77	s
Le Tquet	14	57	c	Vienna	20	68	s
Lisbon	20	68	s	Warsaw	15	59	c
Locarno	26	79	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	f
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wel'ton	15	59	s
Luxembg	16	61	c	Zurich	22	72	f
Luxor	42	108	s				
Madrid	28	82	s	* denotes latest available figures			
Majorca	27	81	s				

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.4	-	16	61	bright
Aviemore	1.6	0.01	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	0.6	0.06	16	61	rain
Birmingham	9.2	0.01	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	13.2	0.05	18	64	sunny
Bristol	11.4	-	18	64	sunny
Buxton	7.0	-	17	63	bright
Cardiff	9.3	0.06	17	63	sunny
Carlisle	10.9	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.6	0.02	16	61	shower
Cromer	8.0	-	15	59	bright
Eastbourne	10.1	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	4.5	-	17	63	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	1.5	-	13	55	rain
Exmouth	10.1	-	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	8.1	-	18	64	bright
Folkestone	5.9	0.53	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	3.4	0.01	15	59	rain
Hastings	10.9	-	17	63	sunny
Isle of Man	3.1	-	14	57	rain
Jersey	0.8	-	18	61	bright
Kinloss	3.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	4.8	-	18	64	cloudy
Liverpool	3.6	0.01	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	8.4	0.01	17	63	bright
Manchester	5.2	-	19	66	rain
Margate	9.5	0.02	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	2.6	-	17	63	bright
Penzance	8.9	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	6.7	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	9.1	-	17	63	bright
Scilly Isles	8.8	-	17	63	bright
Southend	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Southsea	13.2	0.02	17	63	sunny
Stornoway	4.4	-	12	54	rain
Swanage	9.8	0.05	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	11.1	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	5.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Tiree	2.7	0.07	13	55	rain
Torquay	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	12.5	0.02	18	61	sunny

London 9.50 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.32 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.05 pm to 4.42 am

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.20 pm
Moon rises: 2.41 pm
Moon sets: 6.54 pm
New moon June 20

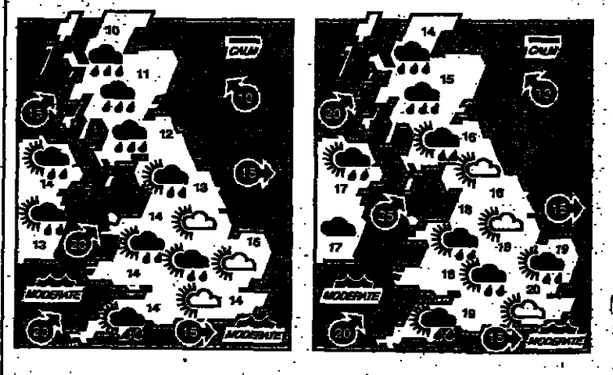
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.53in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,016.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Tuesday: Highest day temp: London and Heathrow, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 08C (46F); highest rainfall: Folkestone, 0.53in; highest sunshine: Littlehampton, Bournemouth and Southsea, 13.2hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F).

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	18	66	r
Birmingham	13	55	r	Inverness	15	59	r
Blackpool	14	57	c	Jersey	18	61	f
Bristol	14	57	r	London	15	59	r
Cardiff	14	57	r	M'chester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	15	59	c
Glasgow	14	57	c	Rhl'dway	14	57	s



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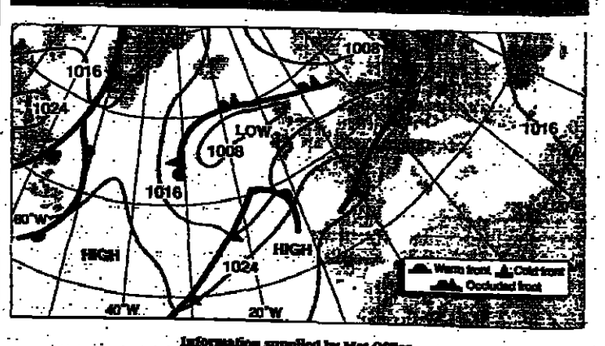
London Bridge	12.08	5.09	12.42	6.02	Liverpool	10.04	8.01	10.29	8.03
Aberdeen	12.08	3.05	12.20	3.05	Lowestoft	8.33	2.02	8.50	2.01
Avonmouth	5.47	11.01	6.09	11.09	Margate	10.55	4.02	11.10	4.02
Belfast	9.50	2.09	10.18	3.01	Milford Haven	4.59	5.08	5.21	5.09
Cardiff	5.32	10.03	5.54	10.06	Newquay	3.54	5.08	4.15	6.00
Devonport	4.15	4.06	4.30	4.06	Oban	8.45	3.03	4.58	3.03
Dover	9.53	5.07	10.09	5.08	Penzance	3.25	4.06	3.54	4.06
Falmouth	3.49	4.04	4.20	4.06	Portland	6.07	1.06	6.43	1.07
Glasgow			12.06	4.00	Portsmouth	10.05	4.00	10.26	4.03
Harwich	10.42	3.06	11.02	3.05	Shoreham	10.05	5.02	10.25	5.04
Holyhead	9.15	4.08	9.42	4.09	Southampton	9.52	3.09	10.10	4.01
Hull	5.09	9.03	5.28	9.04	Swansea	5.04	7.08	5.27	8.00
Ilfracombe	4.41	7.06	5.04	7.09	Tees	2.24	4.07	2.40	4.07
King's Lynn	5.18	5.04	5.34	5.05	Wilton-on-Nze	10.41	3.07	10.59	3.07
Leith	1.10	4.07	1.28	4.07					



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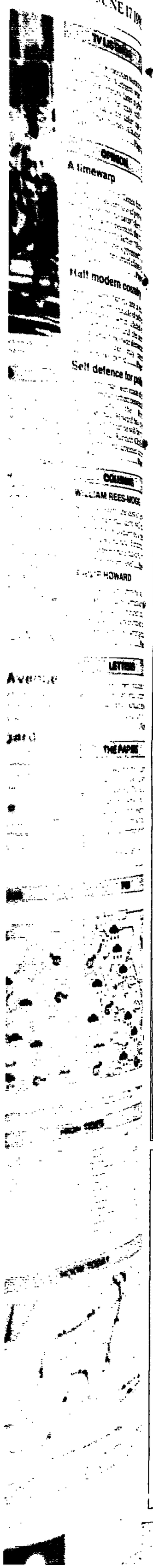

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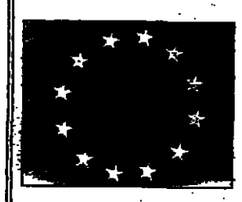

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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5033 (-0.0172)
German mark .. 2.4925 (+0.0031)
Exchange index ..... 79.4 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2883.0 (+13.0)
Dow Jones ... 3495.04 (+3.04)*
Nikkei Avg .. 19902.42 (-143.46)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank 5⅝–5⅜%
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.04-3.03%*
Long Bond 6.83%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5039*	£:$	1.5050
$:DM	1.6590*	£:DM	2.4961
$:SWfr	1.4854*	£:SWfr	2.2327
$:Ffr	5.5765*	£:Ffr	8.3870
$:Yen	106.60*	£:Yen	199.89
£:SDR	1.0759	£:ECU	1.2720

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.00 ..... PM 368.00
Close 369.35-370.10
New York:
Comex 368.95-369.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 140.6 April (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Names asked to find £157m by end of July

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRRSPONDENT

■ More than 4,000 names in some of the worst-hit Lloyd's of London syndicates are being asked to pay more than £157 million by the end of next month

CASH-STRAPPED Lloyd's names on the loss-making Gooda Walker syndicates are being sent demands for £157.7 million, which have to be paid by the end of July or they will incur punitive late payment penalties.

The call, which follows earlier demands for £553.1 million, is the amount GW Run-Off, the company managing the syndicates' affairs, calculates is needed by the seven syndicates for the next 12 months. The 4,000-plus names are being asked to pay an average of £40,000 each, though some will pay much more.

The calls have been triggered by further deterioration in old year losses and preliminary estimates of the losses on the 1991 year of account, which combined total nearly £1 billion. However, in an attempt to mitigate the impact of the syndicates' losses, GW Run-Off is deferring calling a total of £145.1 million of losses until the funds are needed to meet claims.

Of the £157.7 million being called, £69.5 million relates to names' personal expenses, primarily arising from late payment of previous cash calls. Names who have failed to pay their previous cash calls have been hit with hefty demands to cover foreign exchange losses, caused by sterling's devaluation last September, and interest charges. Lloyd's charges late-paying names 5 per cent over the base rate on funds owed.

The personal expenses are only being charged to the late paying names. As a result, the size of the cash calls vary significantly between names.

Late-paying names on the Gooda Walker non-marine syndicate 164 are being asked to pay up to £1,400 on a £10,000 underwriting line in personal expenses. A non-paying name on non-marine syndicate 290 has to pay about £4,700 per £10,000 share on the 1989 underwriting year. A name on marine syndicate 298/2222/1187 has to pay more than £9,000 per £10,000 share.

Ken Randall, at GW Run-Off, said: "All names, and particularly those who are still in arrears with their cash calls, continue to be exposed to exchange movements in respect of US dollar liabilities."

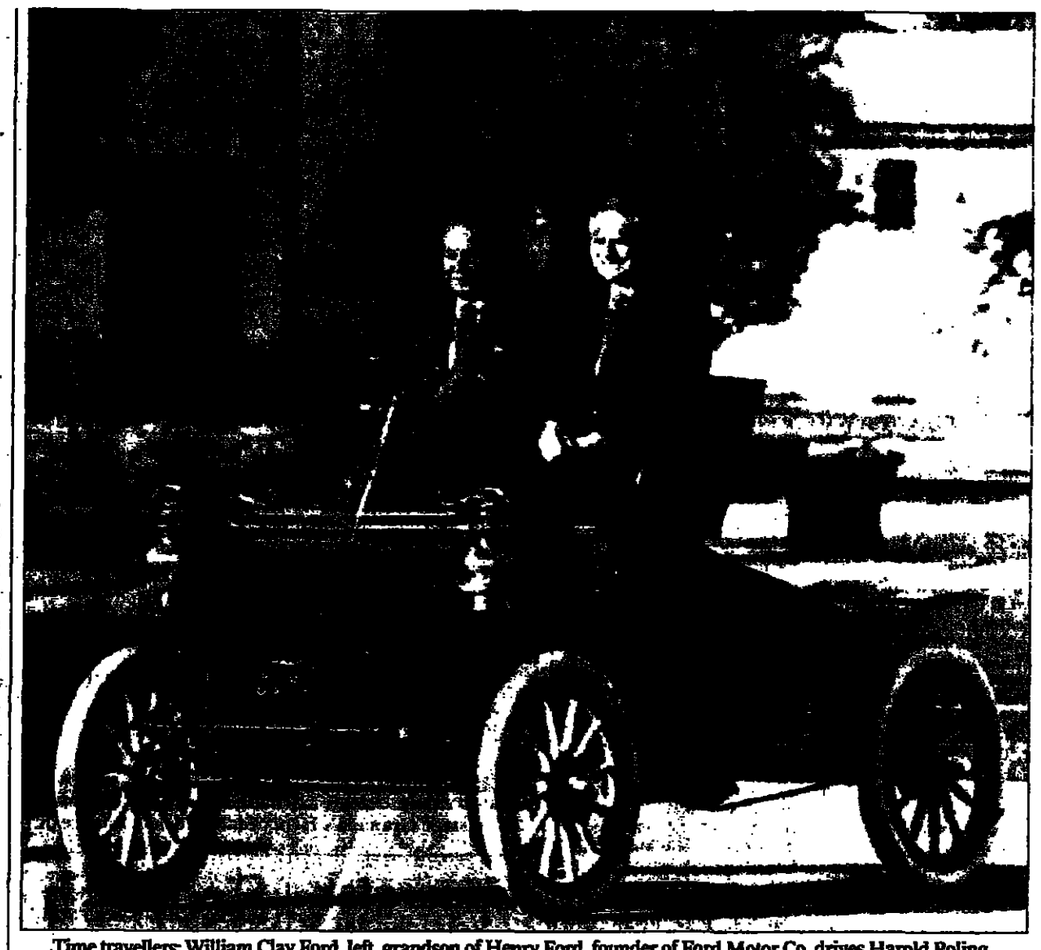
More than £30 million of the cash calls relate to losses made by four syndicates, 164, 295, 296, 299, on the 1991 underwriting year.

The worst losses have been made by syndicate 387, which wrote personal stop loss business for other names. A name with a £20,000 line on the syndicate faces a cash call of £180,000 for the 1989 underwriting year alone. For names who have been on the syndicate since 1983, underwriting £20,000, they will be facing a cash call of nearly £500,000.

Mr Randall said there was no alternative to making cash calls for the full amount of syndicate 387 losses, which are projected losses based on the estimates made by managing agents.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action group, which represents more than 2,000 names taking action to recover their losses, said: "It is absolutely scandalous for Lloyd's to try to extract £157.7 million from ruined names in a case which is under active investigation by the Serious Fraud Office."

☐ Labour is intending to oppose proposed changes to the taxation rules governing Lloyd's names at the committee stage of the Finance Bill today. Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, said: "At a time when many people are struggling to survive recession it is astounding that the government is prepared to create an exceptionally generous tax shelter for Lloyd's names." He added that 43 Tory MPs are Lloyd's names and will be able to vote on the proposal.



Time travellers: William Clay Ford, left, grandson of Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Co, drives Harold Poling, the chairman, in a 1903 Ford Model-A car in Michigan as they arrive at festivities celebrating Ford's 90th anniversary

Goldman Sachs fined for Maxwell share dealings

BY OUR INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

GOLDMAN Sachs, the leading US investment firm, has been fined a record £160,000 and ordered to pay £125,000 in costs for breaching rules in relation to share dealings with Maxwell companies.

The Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator of stockbroking firms, said the breaches resulted from "certain deficiencies in internal organisation in Goldman Sachs Equity Securities" (GSES) and not any "illicit conduct".

The fine marks the end of a six-month investigation by the SFA and is the largest ever imposed on a member firm. The previous record fine was £80,000 against Marshall French and Wallis in connection with the London Fox property futures market.

Goldman admitted three charges relating to three separate share transactions with Maxwell controlled or associated companies. In each case, GSES parted with funds before receiving the shares, bought in bundles of 135, 107 and 100 shares, but on each occasion it failed to include the lack of the shares' receipt in its daily regulatory capital adequacy calculation. This resulted in a regulatory capital deficiency and the submission of "inaccurate" financial reports to the SFA.

A third charge states that between July 1, 1990 and October 31, 1992 there were "deficiencies in internal organisation, record keeping and supervision of staff" at GSES, a UKGoldman Sachs subsidiary.

The fine follows hard on the heels of a £750,000 fine by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation against Invesco *MIM*, the fund manager. Of this, £150,000 related to Invesco's management of assets belonging to the Mirror Group Pension fund. Goldman has made a voluntary contribution to Sir John Cuckney's relief fund for Maxwell pensioners, believed to be in the order of £1 million.

Both Invesco and Goldman are being sued for their involvement with the late Robert Maxwell and his group of companies.

Retail recovery falters further

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE "mixed and in some cases muted" nature of Britain's economic recovery highlighted in the Chancellor's Mansion House speech became reality yesterday, with news of another small drop in high street sales.

Figures also showed that the public sector deficit is on target to meet the forecast total of £50 billion this year, with revenues still showing little sign of responding to improved economic activity.

Retail sales dropped by 0.2 per cent in May, after a decline of the same amount in April. City economists had been looking for a small rise.

Official figures for retail sales have tended to paint a brighter picture in recent months than survey evidence provided by the Confederation of British Industry. The CBI gave warning on Tuesday in its latest survey that shop sales remained well below normal for the time of year.

James May, director general of the British Retail Consortium, said yesterday: "Consumer confidence remains fragile. It is essential that the new Chancellor, while considering necessary steps to deal with the government's deficit, is fully aware of the need to sustain the gradual return of confidence."

Henning Christopherson, the EC's finance commissioner, said the British economy was outperforming its EC partners but noted that "the UK recovery is still fragile, with just 1.5 per cent growth this year and 2.5 per cent next year. After a recession of more than two years, you should normally have a stronger and faster recovery".

The Treasury highlighted a 0.8 per cent rise in retail sales volumes over the last three months, against the previous three, and said the drop in sales in May was due to a sharp drop in clothing and footwear that may reflect an end to deep discount sales.

It appears, as Robert Lind of UBS noted, that the rate of increase in sales has slackened and that "the May figure points to a pause in the recovery in consumer demand in the second quarter". Mr Lind said that some easing off in growth was to be expected once exceptional price discounting ended but that the upward trend seen in the past year is intact.

The Central Statistical Office reported that the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement was £5 billion in May, for a cumulative PSBR in the first two months of the fiscal year of £9.7 billion. Last year, the May PSBR was £3. billion and the two-month total £6.6 billion.

There is nothing yet to suggest that the economic recovery will help the PSBR undershoot the £50 billion expected. Revenues are only running a marginal 1 per cent higher than last year.

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Look west for Europe's new jobs

IRWIN STELZER

Next week Europe's bureaucrats gather in Copenhagen to talk about jobs — more precisely the lack of jobs. More than 10 per cent of the EC work force is now out of work, and the jobless total is rising. Padraig Flynn, EC social affairs commissioner, says it would take economic growth at an annual rate of 5-6 per cent to make a dent in the ranks of Europe's 17 million unemployed: "That's not going to happen. The prognosis is very grim."

If we knew why unemployment was surging, said one OECD Eurocrat, "we could at least lay down some policy guidelines". That's what the unemployed need least — more government guidelines. They need what one American politician calls the most important 12-letter word in the English language, "jobsjobsjobs".

If the jobs picture is to improve in Britain, the government will have to look across the Atlantic, rather than the Channel, for a model worth emulating. This is unfashionable. Until recently, Germany's apprenticeship programme was held to be the key to fuller employment, and Japan's lifetime job security in large paternal corporations the key to permanent prosperity. Both are now in disrepute.

The solution for Britain, and possibly for Europe, lies in recognizing that the job-creating engine of the latter part of the 20th century has been and will remain small, entrepreneurial businesses. During the 1980s, Europe saw three million new jobs emerge. But that conceals an important fact: five million jobs were added in the government sector, suggesting a drop of two million in the private sector.

America, meanwhile, with a work force not very different in size from that of the EC, added 20 million jobs. While GM, *IBM*, Sears and other members of the Fortune 500 shed workers, small and medium-sized businesses grew and hired. David Birch, an economist with researchers Cognetics, recently completed a study of the jobs market from 1987-91. He found firms with more than 5,000 employees laid off a net 2.4 million workers, while firms with fewer than 20 employees increased their staffs by 4.4 million, and firms with 20-99 workers added 1.4 million. That trend continues. Business data-gatherer Dun & Bradstreet expects 2.1 million new jobs to be created in 1993. Businesses with fewer than 20 workers, D&B forecasts, will account for 57 per cent of that total, with another 23 per cent in firms with between 20 and 99 employees. Firms with more than 25,000 workers are projected to have job reductions.

Government planners commonly denigrate this growth by saying that it is all in low-paid, service jobs. Partly, this is due to *the preference of government* bureaucrats for large firms — unlike unruly small entrepreneurs, corporate giants dutifully fill out government forms, attend political fund-raising events, treat trade unions with deference and look to governments for protection. Governments' failure to understand the key job-creating role of small firms also stems in part from ignorance of the quality of those jobs. True, many are in the service sector. But this now includes a good bit more than flipping hamburgers. Small firms are more likely to be providing software, telecommunications, environmental engineering, or specialised computer components. That is probably why average hourly earnings in services are $10.81, not far below the $11.72 in manufacturing.

If Britain wants to reduce its dole queue, it should look to small, entrepreneurial firms and help them by adopting policies that are desirable in themselves, and of particular benefit to fledgling entrepreneurs. Small businessmen need low interest rates at which they can borrow, and banks willing to compete for their business. They need low taxes, so that their profits can be ploughed back in to expansion and new staffs rather than tax-supported subsidies to inefficient firms or those in favoured regions.

All are within the gift of government. The Chancellor can lower interest rates and cut the tax burden on entrepreneurial income; competition authorities can prevent gentlemanly collusion by banks; the DTI can, at last, cut the red tape that chokes small businesses. These policies, easy to implement, would do more to create jobs than new OECD guidelines, or EC ministerial pronouncements, or government bailouts.

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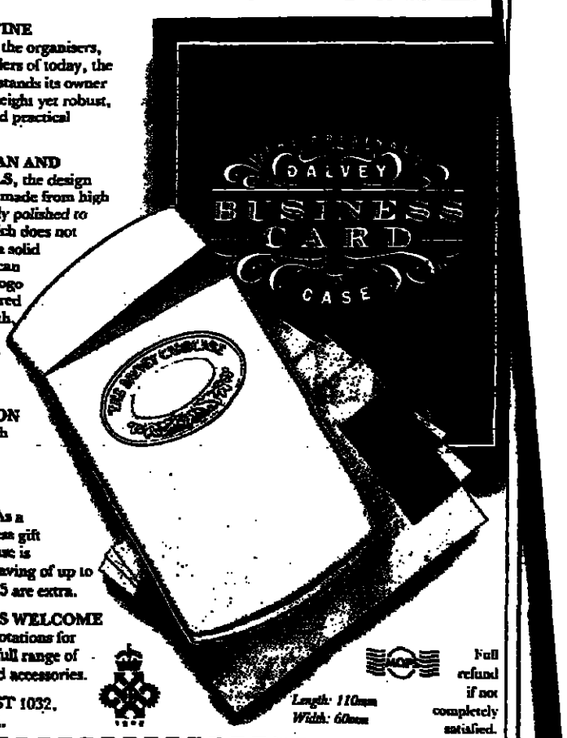

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Clinton: advice sought

Inland Revenue steps up pressure in tax row with US

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

THREATS of an all-out corporate tax war between Britain and the United States intensified yesterday as the Inland Revenue sent out the last of its final demands to 900 American companies. The Revenue is threatening major penalties if a dispute over California's tax laws is not settled within the year. The loss of special UK tax treatment would go back to 1989 and could cost American companies $3.75 billion.

At the centre of the dispute is California's intent to tax foreign companies on worldwide profits instead of those earned within the state. The issue was due to be resolved by the US Supreme Court last month after it heard a challenge to the California tax laws by Barclays Bank, which has been fighting the law for almost two decades.

But instead of ruling, the court deferred a decision while seeking the advice of President Clinton. Mr Clinton has not followed his immediate predecessors in backing Barclays' fight.

Leonard Beighton, the Revenue's deputy chairman, criticised California's unitary taxation system at a London conference on Tuesday. He said its system could have only arbitrary and bizarre results.

The Revenue's letter has gone out to most of the *Fortune* 500 companies, which include the carmaker Ford, the micro chip manufacturer Motorola and IBM, which says any loss of UK tax credits would cause it significant problems.

Barclays' arguments are based broadly on international treaties which it says would be breached if California were allowed to tax worldwide earnings. It is understood the bank has about $200,000 in unpaid taxes riding on the decision.

James Mogle, a partner in Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan, the American law firm, and former tax counsel to the Treasury, said in London that Congress had not taken the British threat seriously so far. But he said any attempt to impose retaliatory action would be seen by Congress as an attempt to over-ride the present US-UK tax treaty, which could jeopardise other treaties.

Even if Barclays loses the case, the tax fight may still go on through the US subsidiary of Alcan Aluminum, the Canadian metals giant. It has been fighting the Californian law for more than a decade and faces a tax bill of more than $8.5 million if unsuccessful. For the year's involved in the dispute, Alcan says its California operations lost about $5 million. But the California state authorities say it made at least a $15 million profit based on the state's calculation of Alcan's worldwide income.

David Hackbirth, Alcan's president, said: "Our case is similar to that of Barclays, but the two focus on substantially different issues. Alcan's is based on a set of facts that demonstrate how the California scheme actually taxes income already taxed by a foreign jurisdiction, or double taxation."

The remaining 49 US states will be closely watching the Barclays verdict. Lawrence Salibra, a member of Alcan's legal team, said: "What's worrying everyone is the domino effect. The other states may say, if California can do it, why can't we?"

EC admits to worst recession in 40 years

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission yesterday admitted that the Community is in the middle of its worst recession in 40 years, and that with the linchpin German and French economies in crisis only miracle growth can keep monetary union in Europe on course.

Henning Christophersen, the EC's finance commissioner, confirmed that the Community's economy is set to shrink 0.5 per cent this year, with only very modest growth of 1.25 per cent expected next year. This was the fourth time in 18 months that Mr Christophersen has redrafted the figures.

Although Britain's economy is conforming to its classical anti-cyclical role and outperforming those of its EC partners, Mr Christophersen poured cold water on the achievement. He said: "The UK reached the bottom earlier than the other countries, but the UK recovery is still fragile, with just 1.5 per cent growth this year and 2.5 per cent next year. After a recession of more than two years, you should normally have a stronger and faster recovery."

Unlike Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor, the Danish commissioner did dwell on the catastrophic effects on employment that the recession was having. "Employment is forecast to fall by more than 1.75 per cent in 1993, the worst performance in the history of the EC," his accompanying press release stated. At this rate, by the end of the year, there could be 20 million people without jobs in Europe.

Yet despite the almost hopelessly loomy forecast, Mr Christophersen refused to write off monetary union as prescribed by the Maastricht treaty, which envisages a single currency by 1997. "One thing is the situation in 1993-4, another thing is the situation in 1997," he said. "It is possible to make a turnround if you have three to five years at your disposal. It wouldn't at all improve the macroeconomic situation to give up; it would reduce the credibility of what member states are doing."

Next week's Copenhagen summit of EC leaders is likely to become a crisis watch over Europe's ailing economies, and the dislocation caused by societies with increasing numbers out of work. The French media is already focusing on the total incompatibility of some fundamental EC policies; in particular, the huge costs of the social charter and increased worker protection set against the urgent need to cut budget deficits and deregulate labour markets to encourage employers to create jobs.

"Somehow the Community can help these things," Mr Christophersen said. He spoke in vague terms about cutting state aids, implementing the EC single market, retraining people and encouraging "dialogue between the social partners". When asked why East Asia was now taking jobs from Europe, he spoke of "completely artificial wage costs" and "strong domestic demand". Mr Christophersen said that "stronger monetary co-operation in the world economy" might be possible, but added that "we don't want to do anything to prevent others from being richer — and I don't think we should do".

He reiterated that member states' priorities were to reduce their deficits to the 3 per cent of GDP advised by the Maastricht guidelines, along with reducing interest and inflation rates. He directly appealed against any easing of fiscal policy: "Would higher interest rates really lead to stability — do you believe that?" asked Mr Christophersen. "I don't think that is the way forward."

ADRIAN BROOKS

TV stars: Granada's Henry Staunton, left, finance director; Alex Bernstein, chairman; and Gerry Robinson

Generator seeks help for review

BY GEORGE SIVELL CITY EDITOR

NUCLEAR Electric has brought in Price Waterhouse, the accountant, to advise on the forthcoming nuclear review and introducing private finance into the nuclear electricity generating industry.

The appointment raises the possiblity of private finance being introduced to the Sizewell C project, were the government to approve building of the pressurised water reactor. Longer term, the Price Waterhouse appointment will lead to Nuclear Electric trying to persuade the government to privatise it.

Nuclear Electric believes it is on target to make a profit by 1996-7 and expects to overtake PowerGen as the number two provider of electricity in Britain within the next few years.

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Scottish Nuclear keen for sell-off

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCOTTISH Nuclear is champing at the bit for privatisation as early as 1994 or 1995, but there remains a knotty environmental problem to overcome before the company can come onto the slipway, James Hann, the chairman, accepted yesterday.

The Scottish nuclear generator, which provided 47 per cent of that country's electricity requirements, was reporting net profits of £65.8 million in the 1992-93 financial year, up from £13.7 million last time. The figures were aided by lower depreciation charges after a study showed that the life of the Torness station, one of two operated by Scottish Nuclear, could be extended from 30 to 35 years.

Operating costs per kilowatt hour generated fell from 3.21p to 2.98p, but the board accepts that they have to fall to 2.5p before the return on assets is sufficient that the business is open to privatisation.

This process would be helped by a favourable decision from the Secretary of State for Scotland on Scottish Nuclear's plans for surface dry storage of some spent fuel at Torness and at Hunterston, shaving another 0.2p per kilowatt hour off costs and cutting them by £45 million a year. The public enquiry ended in January and the company hopes for a positive result by the end of the summer.

Scottish Nuclear accepts that decisions on the company's future must wait for the forthcoming review of the industry. Mr Hann pressed for a go-ahead for the construction of a new generation of advanced pressurised water reactors to replace the ageing Magnox plants.

Granada pushes ahead to £68m

BY MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

GRANADA, the television to motorway services group, has ruled out a sale of its 13.5 per cent holding in BSkyB, the satellite television concern, at least until the business has been floated in perhaps three or four year's time, Gerry Robinson, the group's chief executive, has said.

Meanwhile, Granada, is sitting on a potential profit of perhaps £200 million from its stake if current City valuations of BSkyB at around the £2 billion mark are correct.

Proceeds from a sale under current accounting conventions would be taken almost entirely as profit and would transform Granada's balance sheet. A flotation, however, as has been suggested in some quarters, would ensure that a proper value was put on Granada's stake and could encourage the group to take its profits, he added.

Granada was announcing pre-tax profits that, partly because of new accounting conventions, leapt to £68.1 million (£39.7 million) in the half-year to March 27 and an interim dividend lifted to 3.025 (2.75p). The adoption of the FRS3 convention meant a £13.1 million cut in the pre-tax figure for last time as a one-off provision had to be restated as coming off profits.

Improvements in profitability were made in all divisions and with little help from economic recovery. The TV contractor managed to increase market share of advertising spending within the ITV network.

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Newspaper publisher thrives after cutbacks

TIGHT cost controls helped Portsmouth & Sunderland Newspapers, the publishing, printing and retailing group, lift pre-tax profits 49.8 per cent to £6.01 million in the year to March 27. Turnover grew 6.6 per cent to £103 million. Publishing revenue climbed 5 per cent to £48.2 million, boosted by a full contribution from the Northern Press Group, which was acquired in June 1991.

Advertising revenue across the group was 2 per cent higher. Rationalisation costs amounted to £500,000 (£1.7 million), reflecting redundancies made to improve efficiency at the publishing and printing businesses. Interest payments were trimmed to £197,000 (£506,000). Earnings increased to 36.3p (22.9p) a share, with adjusted earnings ahead to 39.3p (31.9p). The final dividend is raised to 6.62p (5.87p), giving an improved total payout of 9.46p (8.6p) for the year. The shares added 7p to 675p.

Credit bank advances

LONDON Scottish Bank, the consumer loans and debt collection group, lifted interim pre-tax profits 11.4 per cent to £2 million and says there appears to be a small recovery in consumer credit business. Turnover in the six months to April 27 advanced 4 per cent to £15.9 million, helped by a 2.5 per cent increase in earned interest to £9.75 million. This is the first time since April 1991 that earned interest has increased. The interim is 1.03p, up from 0.95p.

Vodafone Euro-service

VODAFONE, the mobile phones group, is to launch a service across Europe from September 1. Called Eurodigital, it will allow subscibers to use the same mobile phone across the UK and the Continent. Existing users of the Vodafone network will need a new cellular handset to use the service, but will be able to transfer their current mobile phone number. A new digital service for cities in Britain will start on October 1, offering cheaper call charges.

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Chemring lifts payout

CHEMRING, the defence-to-engineering and leisure company, boosted pre-tax profits in the six months to March 26 by 10 per cent to £2.9 million on turnover up 14.9 per cent to £21.3 million. The interim dividend rises to 3p (2.725p). Philip Billington, chairman, said acquisitions made over the past few years had all contributed profits to the overall result. He added that strong order books and prospects for further orders meant Chemring was confident of a satisfactory year.

M&S chief rewarded

THE pay of Sir Richard Greenbury, right, the Marks and Spencer chairman, rose almost 14 per cent in the year to March 31 to £806,626, according to the group's annual report. His basic pay of £594,620 (£533,425) has been topped up with pension contributions of £85,500 and an annual performance-related bonus of £126,506. Pre-tax profits increased 25 per cent to a record £736.5 million. M&S has overtaken J Sainsbury as the UK's most profitable retailer.

Mountview ahead

MOUNTVIEW Estates, the residential property investor, raised pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 from £6.6 million to £6.8 million due to a fall in the interest bill from £662,000 to £366,000. Turnover fell from £13.7 million to £13.4 million, but the company is increasing the dividend 11 per cent to 20p. Mountview buys tenanted housing and sells it on when the property becomes vacant. Duncan Sinclair, chairman, said property values continued to fall during 1992.

Low & Bonar buys

LOW & Bonar, the packaging and materials company, has acquired CMB Carton Systems for £17.35 million, making it the second biggest supplier of high quality folding cartons in Britain. CMB is one of the leading suppliers of folding cartons and packaging machinery systems technology to the food industry. It will be renamed Bonar Carton Systems. CMB Carton Systems made pre-tax profits of £1.6 million in 1992.

Soros heads earnings league with £1m a day

Soros: charity network

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GEORGE Soros, the New York investor who claimed to have made $1 billion from speculating against the pound amid the currency crisis last autumn, was named yesterday as the highest paid man on Wall Street, earning $650 million last year, or £1 million a day.

The figure is five times the $117 million he earned in 1991 and dethrones Michael Milken, the convicted securities trader who has held Wall Street's crown for the biggest salary since he earned $550 million in 1987.

Mr Soros, who was born in Hungary, has spent almost $100 million of his speculative profits in the past 12 years funding a network of charitable foundations spanning eastern Europe and Russia. He plans to spend about $250 million more over the next two years.

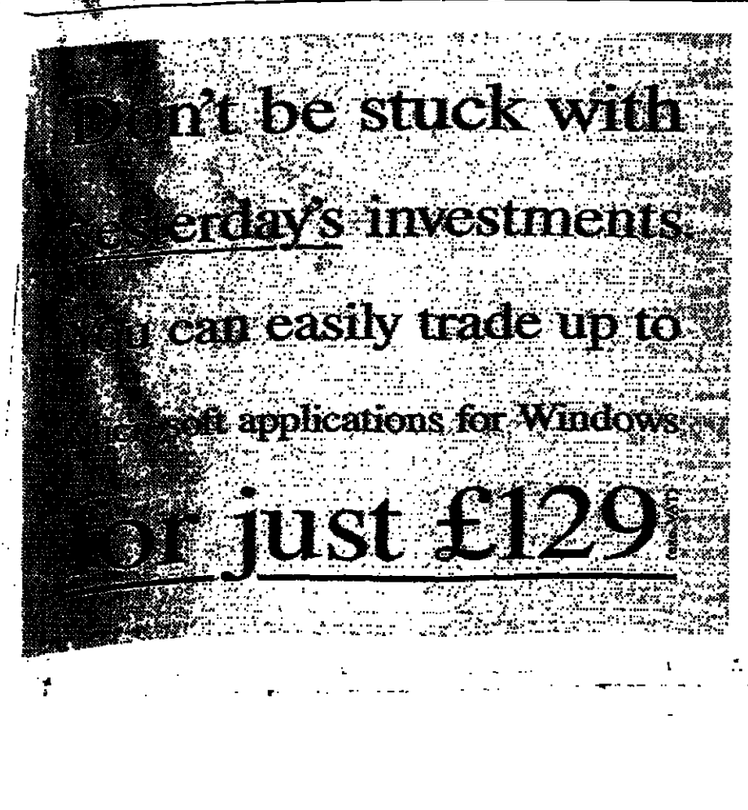
Until recently, he has kept a low profile but earlier this month he unveiled a £500 million property partnership with British Land; he also managed to spark a sharp rise in the gold price with a $400 million investment in Sir James Goldsmith's Newmont Mining. Last week, in *The Times*, he predicted a further decline of the German economy.

His power base is $7.5 billion of assets held in five money management funds, the most famous of which is his Quantum Fund, shares in which are available for $30,000 each. Since it started as a $10 million fund in 1973, Quantum has averaged gains of 30 per cent a year. Last year, the gains of four of his funds — the fifth was started this year — averaged between 45 per cent and 80 per cent.

Stephen Taub, head of the *Financial World* magazine unit which has compiled a list of the highest earners on Wall Street for eight years, said $400 million of Mr Soros' pay came from his share of the realised profits of the funds and $250 million from management fees.

Four places behind Mr Soros is Stanley Druckenmiller, his 39-year-old chief trader, who earned $110 million. He has been with Mr Soros for the past four years and was the man who actually placed the $10 billion bet against the mark, pound and lira last September from which they made a combined $2 billion profit.

Mr Soros attributes his success to being able to play the game better and bigger than other people. In a recent interview, he confided that as a youngster he had a fantasy that he was God ... but he did not tell anyone at the time.



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NFC may drop profit forecasts

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

■ Despite tough trading conditions, NFC is holding to its forecast of profits of between £95 million and £100 million for the full year, subject to a stable exchange rate

NFC, the transport group sold by the government to its workforce in the early 1980s, is considering whether to abandon its practice of giving a range of profits forecasts to its shareholder-workers at each quarter throughout its financial year.

The company is unique among British companies in giving a regularly updated profits forecast, which it calls a best view, and required special permission from the Stock Exchange to continue the practice once it went public. Usually, British companies only make profits forecasts in defence of takeover bids or when they are raising money from shareholders.

NFC directors maintain that the forecast helps encourage the workforce. However, it is reconsidering after a demand from the stock exchange that companies make more trading statements to the market instead of relying on a discreet series of signals to the City to correct any misleading impressions that may be gaining ground in the market.

However, NFC is wary of the possibility of litigation in America that may arise from any forecast that is not fulfilled. "The legislative position in America is not very helpful" said James Watson, the chairman, yesterday. "The climate in America is more hostile." NFC says it has modified its best view "a number of times" before.

Yesterday, NFC reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £37.2 million to £86.6 million for the half year. That included a £50 million profit on the disposal of the waste management business. Operating profit rose from £43.1 million to £49.9 million.

A rise in the second interim dividend from 1.40p to 1.45p, makes 2.80p, against 2.70p, for the half year. Half-year earnings rose from 5.2p to 13.5p but stripping out the impact of the exceptional gain remained static at 5.2p.

For the full year, NFC is holding to its forecast of between £95 million and £100 million, subject to the pound-dollar rate remaining at about present levels. This compares with £85.4 million for the previous year. Earnings are expected to grow from 11.7p to between 13p and 13.7p.

Exel Logistics raised its operating profit from £22.4 million to £33.5 million despite continuing recession in most of its areas of operation. BRS rose from £10.1 million to £15.4 million, while Allied Pickfords and Merchants, suffering from worldwide weakness in housing markets, raised operating profits from £7 million to £7.1 million.

Lynx, the parcels business, fell from breakeven in the previous half year to a loss of £6.1 million. NFC shares fell 7p to 250p.

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Steering clear of trouble: James Watson, chairman, is wary of causing problems in America by not giving forecasts

Brittan's ruling overturned

FROM TOM WALKER
IN BRUSSELS

THE French government yesterday settled an old score with Sir Leon Brittan when the European Court of Justice ruled that one of the former competition commissioner's edicts on reporting requirements for state-owned companies was illegal.

During his four years in the competition hot seat, Sir Leon irked the then French socialist government with his persistent attempts to bring the French state sector into compliance with EC competition rules. One of the central planks in his campaign was a regulation forcing state companies with sales of more than £200 million to furnish Brussels with yearly information on loans, grants and a host of other financial information.

When the regulation was pushed through by Sir Leon, in February 1992, it caused consternation in French government ranks. About 150 EC companies would have been affected by the rules. The court ruled yesterday that Sir Leon had failed to justify the binding nature of the regulation, which had "violated the principle of legal security".

Nissan case 'was full of doubt'

BY A CORRESPONDENT

PROSECUTION claims that a top executive at Nissan UK swindled the taxman by helping siphon more than £200 million from profits had "more loose ends ... than a dish of spaghetti", a jury was told yesterday.

The Crown had sought to prove that Michael Hunt, managing director of the former importer and distributor of Britain's best-selling foreign-made car, was party to a "monstrous and massive" fraud, said Michael Sherrard QC, defending.

But its case, revolving around allegations of bogus invoices, sham shipping agents and grossly inflated car freight charges, was "riddled with doubt" and "light on evidence".

Delivering his final address to the Southwark Crown Court jury, Mr Sherrard said the crucial issue was whether Mr Hunt, 59, had "consciously, knowingly and dishonestly" conspired to cheat the Inland Revenue out of £97 million in corporation tax using false documents.

During the trial, he had undertaken to show the swindle was perpetrated by the Japanese carmaker itself. Mr Sherrard said: "I am not suggesting the case against the Japanese is proved beyond reasonable doubt. They are not on trial ... but you will have to be satisifed in this case that there is nothing in it before you could convict Michael Hunt."

He added: "Our basic submission to you is that the case for the prosecution is riddled with doubt." Mr Hunt, of Tongdean Avenue, Hove, East Sussex, denies two counts of conspiracy to cheat the Inland Revenue and two alternative conspiracy charges of making use of false accounting documents, between October 1975 and December 1991.

The prosecution claims Mr Hunt helped siphon £219 million from company profits and, with the aid of others, including Swiss bankers, laundered huge amounts through Geneva bank accounts.

It is alleged that Octav Botnar, former head of Nissan UK, was the "prime mover" behind the swindle. He is thought to be in Switzerland and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

EC banana rules face challenges

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

LATIN American producers challenging the European Community's new import regime for bananas have won approval for a formal investigation by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of whether Brussels' plans breach free trade rules.

The Gatt ruling council agreed in Geneva yesterday to set up a dispute panel to test the validity of the rules set to govern bananas entering the EC from July 1. The producer countries of Central and South America have fiercely opposed the EC move on the grounds that it discriminates against their cheaper bananas. Tomorrow, the new banana regime faces another challenge — German importers will ask the European Court of Justice to delay implementation of the EC rules.

BR lines up Red Star for sell-off

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BRITISH Rail has put its loss-making Red Star parcels business up for sale, sparking union fears about possible job losses. Red Star, which operates from 250 stations, employs 1,200 workers and specialises in same-day and next-day deliveries.

Prospective buyers, which could include Red Star's managers, have until August 13 to make a bid and the sale will be completed by the end of the year. A spokesman for the Rail Maritime and Transport union, which represents the Red Star workers, said: "We are concerned that jobs could be lost and existing working conditions watered down because of the sale."

BR's parcels business, which includes Red Star and other contracts with the Post Office, lost more than £34 million in 1991-2 and is believed to be still loss-making.

Aer Lingus prepares to shed 1,500 jobs

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A RESCUE package for Aer Lingus, the troubled Irish airline, involves 1,500 job losses, the company's workers were told yesterday. The state owned airline is losing Ir£1 million (£980,000) a week and bankers have threatened to withold further credit facilities at the end of August unless a rescue plan is put in place.

Management at the airline met unions representing the 7,000 workers and revealed the proposed survival package. In addition to the 1,500 redundancies, it involves the sale of the airline's Copthorne Hotel chain and a cash injection of Ir£175 million by the goverment. The unions were told the company lost Ir£116 million last year and has borrowings in excess of Ir£500 million. It is expected to lose Ir£64 million this year on the aviation side alone.

Dick Spring, Ireland's deputy prime minister, said "time is running out" for Aer Lingus and difficult decisions will have to be made within weeks.

Unions at the airline are objecting to job losses and the proposed survival plan has put strains on the coalition government. The Labour party, junior partner in government, is opposed to redundancies.

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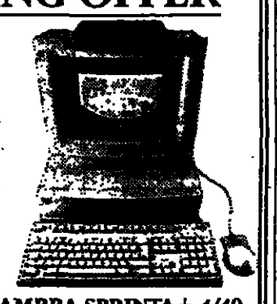

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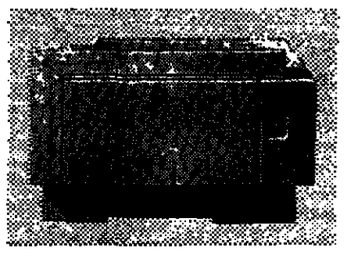

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Carpetright float set to succeed

Sir Philip Harris's second stock market debut, at the helm of his Carpetright concern, looks assured of success. The offer for sale in the £114 million flotation was oversubscribed, brokers handling the float said yesterday.

It is thought the oversubscription was for between two and three times the number of shares on offer, indicating strong demand from the retail investor. The institutional placing has also been oversubscribed.

Dealings in the shares start on Wednesday, and the basis of allocation will be announced the previous day.

Saudi oil plan

The Saudi cabinet has ordered the creation of the biggest integrated oil production and refining company in the world through a merger of the operations of the refiner Samarec with Saudi Aramco, the production company. The move will allow the enlarged Aramco to become more of a global player and compete more directly with the big oil multinationals.

Barlo buys

Barlo, the Irish radiator maker, yesterday announced the Ir£14.45 million (£14 million) cash acquisition of Veha, the Belgian manufacturer of round top radiators. Barlo, which has a UK quote, also announced it is raising Ir£19.05 million through a placing and open offer of 35,006,273 new shares at Ir58p a share.

Stirling leaps

Stirling Group, the clothing manufacturer whose main customer is Marks and Spencer, has doubled pre-tax profits in the year to end-March to £5.13 million (£2.43 million) despite what it calls difficult trading conditions. Earnings per share rose from 3.08p to 3.92p.A final dividend of 1.35p makes a total of 1.85p (1.65p).

Honda setback

Honda, the Japanese car giant forecasting a 31 per cent fall in profits this year, will spend $20 million to recall 1.8 million Accord saloons. Their fuel filler pipes are vulnerable to corrosion. Sales of the Accord, which was toppled by Ford's Taurus last year as America's best selling car, are down 30 per cent so far this year.

STOCK MARKET

Mad cows send shares of food companies running for cover

MAD cow disease and curdled milk came back to haunt the big food companies. It put a damper on their share performance on a day when the rest of the market was again pinning its hopes on an early cut in interest rates.

Claims that the number of new cases of Mad Cow disease were on the rise sent a shudder through shares such as **Northern Foods**, down 7p at 251p and **Hillsdown**, 2p lower at 140p. Whispers in the City suggest the government is about to publish a new report concluding that large numbers of cattle will have to be slaughtered. Analysts are sceptical. They say there is no evidence to suggest that this is the case. Official figures indicate that the disease has shown signs of levelling out since Christmas.

There are also worries about the quality and future of milk supplies now that it has been decided to scrap the Milk Marketing Board. The big milk suppliers Northern Foods and **Unigate**, down 6p at 346p, had been hoping to buy their supplies direct from the farmers. But the farmers are being encouraged to sell their milk to a new agency which will eventually be floated as a private company in which they are likely to be offered shares.

Unilever, the Anglo/Dutch food and household products group, fell 12p to £10.36. It seems that Tuesday's presentation for brokers failed to live up to expectations. BZW has turned bearish on the stock.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a futures-led mark-up as investors drew comfort from the new Chancellor's speech at the Mansion House on Tuesday, in which he promised to revive the economy and encourage business.

Hopes that German interest rates might be cut at today's meeting of the Bundesbank also cheered sentiment. But the FT-SE 100 index still closed below its best in thin trading. It finished 13 points up at 2,883.0, having been more than 18 points higher. Turnover remained on the low side, with 607 million shares changing hands. The May retail sales figures underlined the problems facing the Chancellor, showing a fall of 0.2 per cent.

Zeneca received a much needed boost from Robert Fleming, the broker, with the price hardening 7p to 623p compared with the 600p rights price. Fleming says the rights should be taken up and believes the shares are oversold.

Standard Chartered stood out in a sleepy banking sector with a rise of 26p to 795p following a presentation arranged by Carr Kitcat and Aitken on Monday. Both Warburg Securities and BZW are recommending Standard, creating stock shortages. Buyers came in for **Rothmans International** before figures on June 25. Brokers said most of the buying had come from the US. The shares finished 11p better at 639p.

Fine Decor, the wallcovering designer and manufacturer, made a confident start in first time dealings. Placed at 210p by Smith Keen Cutler, the shares started life at 233p before closing at 253p.

Tony Greener, **Guinness** chairman, has attempted to lift some of the gloom surrounding the shares following his recent cautious comments on prospects at the annual general meeting. He told institutions in Paris that he still expects progress in 1993, despite a weak first half. The second half would be comparable with the corresponding period last year. Mr Greener said the group was counting on continued internal growth with a policy of limited acquisitions. The shares ended 4p firmer at 489p.

Message in a bottle: Tony Greener, of Guinness, is still expecting progress this year

Granada has made the most of recent rationalisation moves with a rise in interim pre-tax profits from £53.2 million to £68.1 million. The shares responded with a rise of 6p to 415p. **Tarmac** rose ½p to 137½p after announcing plans to sell its Econowaste business to Hanson for £44.2 million in cash.

Gilt Edged extended this week's gains after digesting the Chancellor's plan of action for the economy.American buying saw the September series of the long gilt touch £105 before finishing £⅜ better at £104²⁷/₃₂. A total of 35,830 contracts were completed. Dealers will be keeping an anxious eye on today's inflation figures and signs of a cut in German interest rates coinciding with the Budesbank meeting.

A good set of inflation figures could provide the springboard for further gains. But with the Bank of England expected to announce the next gilt auction tomorrow, it may be short-lived.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

Political fears push Tokyo under 20,000

Tokyo — The market finished lower, with the Nikkei average ending below 20,000 for the first time since April 26. The Nikkei fell 143.46 points to 19,902.42, with an estimated 370 million shares traded.

Sentiment was hurt after delays in the long-debated political reforms and the prospect of the dissolution of parliament. Brokers said political gloom will mean that the government is unlikely to produce more plans to benefit the still ailing economy. However, late buying emerged after the yen eased slightly.

The broader first section Topix index was down 19.74 points to 1,600.14.

Tsunehiko Wajima, at Wako Securities, said: "Uncertainties on the political front caused investors to retreat to the sidelines, but this itself did not give enough reason for investors to sell off." The Nikkei has fallen 598.53 points since the beginning of the week. But some brokers said the index still has a chance of falling closer to its next technical support level of about 19,504.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed slightly higher as rumours of a breakthrough in Sino-British talks triggered moderate demand, reversing early losses, although the talks in Peking ended with no outward signs of progress. The Hang Seng index finished 21.37 points higher at 7,304.83, after lagging 53 points in early trade.

The all-ordinaries index was 12.38 points ahead at 3,958.38.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed lower on continued profit-taking, while buying in Malaysian shares over the counter also waned after an active spell. The Straits Times industrial index fell 7.97 points to 1,811.66. Among losers were banks and shipyards.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax closed 5.46 points higher at 1,689.56 but four points off its session high.

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Dow clings to gains

New York — Shares on Wall Street clung to modest gains in early afternoon trading, with the shadow of triple-witching expirations on Friday falling over the market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4.15 points to 3,496.15. Advancing issues maintained a narrow lead over declining shares.

US Treasuries were narrowly mixed, with the long bond down ¹/₁₆ to yield 6.83 per cent. Ned Collins, executive vice-president at Daiwa, said: "I think the market is doing what is expected of it. In the morning, it went up and we're giving back a little now. If we stay above the 3,492 level, we may get a bounce, but I think that there is chance we will go down in the next couple of days." Several hi-tech shares were down after Hewlett Packard dropped $5½ to $81½ on news that it saw slower second half growth.

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Provisions push Porter Chadburn into the red

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

Dinkin: optimistic

SHARES in Porter Chadburn rose 6p to 26p after the packaging and consumer products group accompanied provision-related full-year losses and a halved dividend with a cautiously optimistic statement on prospects.

The company is cutting its final dividend to 0.4p (1.65p), halving the total payout for the year to 1.25p (2.5p), after diving to a pre-tax loss of £3.62 million in the year to April 2, against a profit of £5.59 million last time.The group was pushed into the red by a hefty £6.99 million exceptional loss on the disposal of Gola, the loss-making sports equipment concern, which Raymond Dinkin, chairman and chief executive, admits was a "fundamental mistake".

Organic growth and acquisitions helped turnover climb 4 per cent to £137.7 million, despite discontinued operations, while continuing operations were ahead 19 per cent to £132 million.

Mr Dinkin said the group's US packaging division had "an excellent year", with organic growth of more than 20 per cent, but the UK businesses bore the brunt of the recession with sales and margins suffering, particularly in the second half.

Mr Dinkin is optimistic about development opportunities in the US, having seen continued growth since the year end. But the UK has only shown a few encouraging signs and only in certain sectors.

He said: "In the UK, it's a very mixed and uncertain picture, although in every UK business, the product ranges are more attractive and some order books do appear stronger than a year ago."

"I am sure that the businesses are being managed better today than ever before and I believe we will make steady progress on our two key priorities of cash management and earnings growth," Mr Dinkin added. There is a loss of 4.82p a share, against earnings of 5.18p last time. Gearing stood at 56 per cent.

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Anagen coming to market in placing

BY CARL MORTISHED

ANAGEN, the medical technology group, is coming to the stock market in a £15 million share placing which will value the company at £46 million. Anagen, which has yet to make a profit, supplies automated immunoassay systems to hospitals and medical laboratories. Its main product, the AN2000, is a new machine which allows rapid testing of blood and urine for diseases such as hepatitis and Aids but sales are only expected to commence in 1994.

Mervyn Sennett, managing director, said that most hospitals have automated standard blood analysis equipment, but that tests for Aids involve identifying substances in extremely small concentrations: "equivalent to an aspirin tablet dissolved in an Olympic swimming pool". Such testing has been done manually with typical turnround times of a week, but Mr Sennett said the AN2000 can produce results in a morning.

Anagen has struck a marketing deal with Organon Teknika, an Akzo subsidiary, for the worldwide distribtuion rights to the machine, for which Anagen will receive royalties. The main source of future profit for the company will be the sale of the chemistry required for the process, which accounts for half the cost of a typical test.

The worldwide market for immunoassay testing is believed to be worth $5 billion and Mr Sennett says he hopes to capture 7.5 per cent of it.

The company made a pretax loss of £5.4 million in 1992 and anticipates further losses over the next three years, but is projecting profits of £3.6 million in 1996 on sales of £9.7 million. However, the company's prospectus warns of a number of risk factors, including the possibility that the company might encounter delays or rejections in seeking regulatory approval or patent protection for its products.

Proceeds of the placing, sponsored by Albert E Sharp, the broker, are to be used to reduce short-term borrowings as well as developing the new AN500, for testing food.

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Hemingway buys Allied properties

BY OUR CITY STAFF

HEMINGWAY Properties is buying a portfolio of 19 properties from the Allied Lyons pension funds for £31 million.

The deal, which is being funded in part by a £10.5 million share placing and the issue of £12.1 million of convertible loan stock, will shift the balance of the company's portfolio from Central London offices to retail and industrial property. The remainder will be funded by a £20 million first mortgage debenture at 10.375 per cent.

The company is issuing 40.3 million shares at 26.25p plus £12.1 million of convertible loan stock 2027 with a coupon of 7.5 per cent. Hemingway's shareholders can claw back the stock and shares in an open offer on the basis of 2 units of stock and shares (each unit comprises 10 shares and £3 nominal of stock) for every 27 shares held. The issue has been priced to give investors a yield of 4 per cent on the units for which they subscribe. Hemingway is currently unable to pay dividends because it has a £3 million deficit in its balance sheet. The company proposes a capital restructuring to eliminate the deficit.

Retail property makes up 66 per cent of the portfolio being acquired with 32 per cent industrial and 80 per cent outside the South East. It is yielding rental income of some £3 million from its 100 tenants but Hemingway's directors expect income to increase by 10 per cent over the next three years.

WALL STREET

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
AMP Inc	63½	63
AMR Corp	66¾	68
Abbott Labs	26½	26¾
Aetna Life	55	54¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17½	17½
Air Prod & Chem	41½	41¾
Albertson's	54½	54¼
Alcan Alumn	18½	18¾
Alco Standard	49½	49¾
Allied Signal	66⅞	67¼
Alum Co of Am	65⅞	65⅛
Amax	21¼	21½
Amerada Hess	50	50¾
Amer Brands	33¾	33⅞
Amer Cyanamid	52⅛	51⅜
Amer El Power	36½	36¾
Amer Express	29⅞	29⅜
Amer Genl Corp	31½	31¾
Amer Home Pr	65⅛	66
Amer Intl	128¼	128½
Amer Stores	43⅝	43¾
Amer T & T	61¼	63¾
Ameritech	77½	77⅝
Amoco	56½	56¼
Anheuser-Busch	49⅝	50
Apple Computer	42½	42
Archer Daniels	23¼	23¾
Arkla	9¼	9⅛
Armco	6⅞	7
Armstrong Wrld	30¼	30¾
Asarco	19¼	19½
Ashland Oil	25½	26
Atl Richfield	119¼	117¾
Auto Data Pro	48⅞	49¼
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	54⅝	53⅞
Baker Hughes	27⅜	26⅞
Baltim Gas & El	24⅞	24⅝
Banc One	52⅝	51¾
BankAmerica	44⅝	44¾
Bank of NY	55¼	55⅞
Bankers Tr NY	69⅞	70¾
Barnett Banks	47⅛	47¾
Bausch & Lomb	50⅛	50
Baxter Intl	28⅛	28⅝
Becton Dickson	39⅜	39
Bell Atlantic	56⅛	56¼
BellSouth	53⅝	53⅜
Black & Decker	20⅝	20¾
Block (H&R)	36⅝	35⅝
Boeing	39⅛	39⅛
Boise Cascade	24⅜	24⅛
Borden Inc	17⅛	18⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	60⅞	59⅞
Browning Ferris	27⅛	27⅜
Burlington Nthn	50⅞	50⅞
CBS	240⅞	239⅞
CNA Financial	92⅞	92
CPC Intl	40⅞	41½
CSX	67⅛	65⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅜	39⅞
Can Pacific	15⅜	15⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	539⅞	540⅞
Cptl Holdings	37⅝	38⅛
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	77⅛	77⅝
Central & SW	31	31½
Champion Intl	32⅝	32⅝
Chase Manhat	29⅞	30
Chemical Bk	38⅝	38⅛
Chevron Corp	89⅝	89
Chrysler	46⅞	46⅝
Chubb Corp	81½	80⅜
Cigna Corp	59⅝	59
Citicorp	27⅛	27⅛
Clorox	49⅞	50⅛
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Coca Cola	42	41⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	55⅞	55⅛
Columbia Gas	24⅜	24¼
Commonw Ed	27⅛	27⅛
Compaq Comp	54	54⅝
Comp Asr Int	28⅞	28⅞
Conagra	25⅞	25⅞
Cons Edison	34⅛	34⅞
Cons Nat Gas	51⅞	52⅞
Cons Rail	51½	51
Cooper Inds	48⅝	49⅛
Corning Inc	34⅛	35
Crown Cork	39⅜	39⅞
Dana Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Dayton Hudson	66	64⅞
Deere	65	66⅝
Delta Air Lines	50⅞	51½
Deluxe Corp	38⅞	38⅛
Detroit Edison	33⅞	33⅛
Digital Equip	42⅝	42⅞
Dillard Dept St	38⅞	38⅞
Disney (Walt)	43⅝	43⅝
Dominion Res	42⅝	42⅝
Donelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅛
Dover Corp	47⅜	47⅛
Dow Chemicals	55⅞	56⅛
Dow Jones	27⅝	27
Dresser	23⅝	23
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	57⅝	57⅞
Du Pont	49⅝	49⅜
Eastman Kodak	53⅞	52⅞
Eaton Corp	89⅝	90

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Emerson Elec	60¼	60⅜
Engelhard Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Enron Corp	58⅞	59⅞
Entergy Corp	34⅛	34⅞
Ethyl Corp	28⅛	28⅞
Exxon	65⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	42⅞	41½
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	44⅛	45
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅛	79⅛
First Chicago	39⅞	39
First Interstate	59⅞	58⅛
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	31½	31½
Fluor Corp	40⅛	40⅛
Ford Motor	50⅞	50⅞
GTE Corp	35⅞	35⅛
Gannett	48	47⅛
Gap Inc Del	32⅞	31⅜
Gen Cinema	35⅞	35⅞
Gen Dynamics	95⅛	95⅞
Gen Electric	94⅞	94⅛
Gen Mills	62⅞	62⅞
Gen Motors	40⅞	40⅛
Gen Reinsurance	109	109⅛
Gen Signal	66⅛	66⅛
Genuine Parts	35	35⅛
Georgia Pac	57	56⅛
Gillette	48⅛	47⅛
Glaxo ADR	17⅛	18
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	37⅞	38⅞
Grace (WR)	39⅞	39⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	33⅛	33½
Great Wstn Fin	16⅛	16⅛
Halliburton	39	38⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	36⅞
Hercules	72⅞	72⅞
Hershey Foods	49⅞	50
Hewlett Packard	81½	87
Hilton Hotels	49	48⅛
Home Depot	42⅞	43⅛
Homestake Mng	18	17⅛
Honeywell	36⅛	36⅛
Household Intl	65⅞	65⅛
Houston Inds	43⅞	43⅞
Humana	10⅛	10⅛
ITT Corp	83⅞	83⅞
Illinois Tool	75⅞	75⅞
INCO	22⅛	22⅛
Ingersoll Rand	34⅛	34⅛
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	58⅛	57⅞
IBM	49⅞	50
Intl Flav & Fr	117⅞	118⅛
Intl Paper	63	63⅛
James River Va	20⅛	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅛	44⅛
K Mart	22⅞	22⅞
Kellogg	53	53⅞
Kerr-McGee	49⅞	49⅞
Kimberly-Clark	47⅞	47⅛
Knight-Ridder	52	51½
Lilly (Eli)	50⅛	50⅛
Limited Inc	24⅞	23⅞
LIN Brdcstng	100⅛	101
Lincoln Nat	74½	74⅛
Litton	56⅛	56⅞
Liz Claiborne	32⅛	31½
Lockheed Corp	62⅞	62⅛
Louisiana Pac	29⅛	30⅛
MCI Commun	55⅞	55⅛
Marriott	26⅞	26⅛
Marsh & McLnn	85⅞	85⅞
Masco Corp	29⅛	29⅛
May Dept St	36⅛	36⅛
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅛
McCaw Cellular	42⅞	42⅛
McDonalds	49⅞	48⅞
McDonnell D	70⅛	70⅞
McGraw Hill	57⅞	57⅛
Mead Corp	44½	44⅛
Medtronic	64⅞	64⅞
Mellon Bk	54⅞	54⅛
Melville Corp	46⅞	46⅜
Merck Inc	38	38
Merrill Lynch	72⅞	73
Minnesota Mine	108⅞	107⅛
Mobil Corp	73⅞	73
Monsanto	57⅞	57⅞
Morgan (JP)	66	65⅞
Motorola Inc	81½	83⅞
Natl Medical	9	9
Natl Semi	16	15⅞
Natl Service Ind	25⅞	25⅞
Navistar Int C	2⅞	2⅛
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	23⅞	23⅞
Newmont Mng	49⅛	48⅞
Niag Mohawk	23⅞	23⅞
Nike B	67⅛	66⅞
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	29⅛	29⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	63	62⅞
Nthn State Pwr	44⅞	44⅛
Norwest Corp	49⅞	49⅛
Nynex Corp	88	88⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	19⅞
Ohio Edison	24	23⅞
Oracle Systems	43	43⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	21½	21½
Owens Corning	40⅞	40⅞
PNC Financial	30⅛	30⅞
PPG Industries	68⅞	68⅞
Paccar Inc	58	58⅞
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅛	33⅛
Pac Telesis	48½	48⅞
Pall Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Panhandle Ean	23	22⅞
Paramnt Comm	53	53⅞
Parker Hannifin	33⅛	33⅞
Penney (JC)	47⅞	48½
Pennzoil	64⅛	63⅞
Pepsico	35½	35⅞
Pfizer	72⅞	73⅛
Phelps Dodge	43	42⅞
Philadel Elec	28⅞	28⅞
Philip Morris	49	49
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅞	42⅛
Polaroid	36⅛	37
Price Co	37⅛	32⅞
Primerica	45⅞	45⅞
Procter & Gmbl	48⅞	48⅞
Pub Serv E & G	32⅞	32⅞
Quaker Oats	72⅞	72⅞
Ralston Purina	44⅞	44⅞
Raychem Corp	44⅞	44½
Raytheon	58⅛	58⅞
Reebok Intl	29⅞	29⅞
Reynolds Metals	44½	44½
Roadway Srvcs	53⅞	54
Rockwell Intl	33	33
Rohm & Haas	56⅞	56
Royal Dutch	93	93⅞
Rubbermaid	30⅞	30
Safeco Corp	56	55⅞
St Paul's Cos	79⅞	79⅞
Salomon Inc	37⅞	36⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅞	15⅞
Sara Lee Corp	24⅞	25
Seacorp	48⅞	48⅞
Schering Plough	68	68
Schlumberger	65⅞	65⅛
Scott Paper	32⅞	32⅞
Seagram	26⅛	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	52⅞	52⅞
Shell Trans	57⅛	57⅛
Sherwin Wilms	31½	32
Skyline Corp	16⅛	16⅛
Snap-On-Tools	38⅞	38⅛
Southern Co	41	41½
Sthwestern Bell	37⅛	38⅛
Sprint Corp	31½	30⅞
Stanley Works	44⅞	44½
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅛
Suntrust	44⅛	45⅛
Supervalu	33⅛	33⅛
Syntex Corp	19	18⅞
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
TRW Inc	66⅛	65⅞
Tandem Comp	12⅞	12⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Telecom Corp	4	4⅛
Teledyne	20⅞	20⅞
Temple Inland	41½	42⅞
Tenneco	46⅞	46½
Texaco	64⅛	60⅞
Texas Inst	69⅞	68⅛
Texas Utilities	45⅞	45
Textron	52⅞	51½
Time Warner	37	37⅞
Times-Mirror	29⅛	29⅞
Timken	32⅞	32⅞
Torchmark	52⅞	52⅞
Toys R Us	38⅞	38⅞
Transamerica	49⅞	49⅛
Travelers Corp	29⅞	29⅞
Tribune	52⅞	50⅞
Tyco Labs	42⅞	41½
UAL Corp	129	130⅞
UST Inc	28⅛	28⅞
USX Marathon	18	17⅞
Unilever NV	106⅞	107⅛
Union Camp	41½	42⅞
Union Carbide	18⅞	18⅞
Union Pacific	60⅛	60
Unisys Corp	10⅞	11
USAIR Group	17	18⅞
USF&G Corp	17⅛	16⅞
US Life	39⅞	39
US West	44⅛	44
United Tech	53⅞	53
Unocal Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Upjohn	31	30⅞
VF Corp	48⅞	47⅛
WMX Tech	35⅞	35⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	26⅞
Warner-Lambert	71½	71⅞
Wells Fargo	99⅞	99⅞
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	40⅛	40⅞
Whirlpool	52⅞	53⅞
Whitman	13⅞	13⅞
Winn Dixie	55⅞	55⅞
Woolworth	28⅛	27⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34⅛	34⅛
Xerox	77	76⅞

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RISES:	
Standard Chart	795p (+26p)
Highland Distl	328p (+17p)
Mansfield	820p (+10p)
Whitbread 'B'	970p (+35p)
Rolfe & Nolan	280p (+11p)
Liberty Life	931p (+33p)
Euro Disney	853p (+15p)
Sappi	462p (+15p)
Watmough	715p (+10p)
Clayform	33p (+8p)
Rothmans 'B'	639p (+11p)
Cable Wireless	745p (+11p)
Glynwed	302p (+10p)
Savoy Hotel 'A'	805p (+10p)
Mitel	230p (+10p)
Critchley	377p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Redland	468p (-9p)
Unilever	1036p (-12p)
Blenheim Group	465p (-8p)
NFC	249p (-8p)
Yorks Chem	361p (-8p)
Airsprung	495p (-8p)

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AG Holdings (125)	128	...
Break for the Border (48)	58	...
Brunclitfe Aggregates (25)	37	+4
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China Inv Warrants	53	+1
Division Group (40)	81	-3
Drew Scientific (105)	130	...
Fine Decor (210)	253	...
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12½	...
Fleming Chrfrse C (100)	104	...
Inveresk (150)	171	...
Irish Continental	165	...
Ivory & Sime ISIS Tst (100)	98½	-½
OGC (130)	128	-1
Phonelink (155)	232	-5
Pilkington Warrants	33½	+½
Quayle Munro (118)	138	...
R/B Mining (250)	238	-1
RPC (125)	162	...
Zeneca (600)	623	+7
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Will Clarke go native during his time on Treasury island?

Anatole Kaletsky believes the new Chancellor will need all his energies to avoid being paralysed by the Treasury knights

A miracle occurred at the Mansion House banquet. Out of the parched soil of Treasury dogma, some green shoots of economic sanity sprouted forth. The Chancellor declared that government's main goal had "never been simply to defeat inflation". The aim was to "steer the economy back towards growth". To do this, the Treasury would "examine every development, every policy option, every idea and ask: "Does this support industry? Will it help confidence? Will it get the economy going?"

To connoisseurs of Treasury doctrine, my little deception will by now be apparent. Kenneth Clarke promised on Tuesday to sustain recovery, to stand up for industry and generally to do the sensible, popular things summarised in the slogan "go for growth", but he did not say any of the words quoted above. All of these phrases came instead from another speech to the Mansion House banquet, one delivered last October by Norman Lamont.

To point out that there was absolutely nothing new in the new Chancellor's rhetoric, is not to deny the difference that Mr Clarke's presence at the Treasury is likely to make. Neither is it to imply that Mr Lamont's sacking was either unjust or unnecessary. Rather, my purpose is to draw attention to the main risk that even a tough and rumbustious Chancellor now faces: the risk of being captured, subverted and paralysed by Bank of England grandees and Treasury knights.

To see this danger one has only to compare the rhetoric, quoted above, from Mr Lamont's Mansion House speech in October, with the actions, and even the language, of his Autumn Statement, less than a month later. The Mansion House speech came just ten days after John Major's U-turn on pit closures and his announcement of a new "strategy for recovery and growth". With the government in a *state of panic*, the Treasury speechwriters had no choice but to allow their master some heretical thoughts.

By the time of the Autumn Statement, however, the political fever was no longer raging and Mr Lamont was back in the grip of the Treasury's old-time religion: the sole object of monetary policy was to control inflation; macroeconomic policy could have no direct effect on growth or unemployment; there could be no deliberate rebalancing between monetary and fiscal policy, interest rates being cut specifically to offset the deflationary impact of tighter public spending limits.

Mr Lamont's political credibility as any kind of "recovery Chancellor" was fatally undermined by his refusal or inability to shake off these proto-monetarist dogmas — either because he actually believed in them or because he was too weak to break free. That was why Mr Major had no choice but to sack him last month, even though this decision left the prime minister himself perilously exposed.

The question now is whether Mr Clarke will, like Mr Lamont, go native at the Treasury as soon as the present political crisis blows over, or whether he will have the self-confidence to outface his officials. His Mansion House speech contained two pointers, one in each direction.

The main indicator of deflationary business-as-usual at the Treasury was not, as some commentators have suggested, the new Chancellor's commitment to Mr Lamont's 1 to 4 per cent inflation target. That is a perfectly reasonable goal, which any reasonable economist or politician would endorse in the present disinflationary world environment — especially if, as Mr Clarke has suggested, it is interpreted flexibly, with the emphasis on medium-term inflation prospects rather than month to month blips. The sign of danger came rather in Mr Clarke's restatement of the principle that would allegedly guide all interest rate decisions: "Monetary policy has to be directed to achieving the government's inflation target."

Head to head: the Chancellor may need to outface his officials

This statement is obviously false in the sense that monetary policy has to be directed at sustaining economic growth, as well as controlling inflation, with a constantly changing balance between the two objectives (which is why central bank independence is either dangerous, if the central bank is modelled on the Bundesbank and charged solely with controlling inflation, or unnecessary if it is given a broad remit like the US Federal Reserve).

What is worse, the doctrine which assigns monetary policy solely to inflation, distracts attention from the rebalancing of monetary and fiscal policy Mr Clarke must undertake in the months ahead: tightening fiscal policy (for example, by abolishing mortgage tax relief and further modestly expanding the indirect tax base) and simultaneously encouraging growth with lower interest rates and a weaker pound. This is the only way Mr Clarke will be able to reduce the PSBR, support industry and maintain an export-led recovery. Yet Treasury doctrine declares that such a rebalancing is impossible, since interest rates are determined solely by the prospects for inflation, which could actually deteriorate in the short term if, for example, fiscal policy were tightened by reducing subsidies or raising indirect tax.

Fortunately, Mr Clarke is much likelier than his predecessor to ignore such Treasury and Bank of England dogmas. This brings me to the most hopeful phrase in Mr Clarke's speech. This, in my view, was his little-noticed reference to a very personal experience: "I look forward to working in partnership with Eddie George and his colleagues. I first met Eddie on Black Wednesday and he and I have no intention of facing a rerun of that event or anything like it."

Clearly, the Chancellor feels a deep — and healthy — aversion to putting his fate in the hands of the financial markets. But the reference to Black Wednesday seemed also to contain a hint of menace that could prove critical if Mr Clarke wants to keep insubordinate advisers at bay.

On Black Wednesday, Mr Clarke watched Eddie George and the other market wizards at the Bank of England losing their shirts in the markets they claimed to understand so well. After that experience, the Chancellor should find it easier to ignore the Bank's traditional method of vetoing any policy that does not take its fancy.

Imagine the scene in the Chancellor's office. The unemployment figures have turned up and retail sales have flattened. The money supply is sluggish, house prices have stalled and sterling is drifting downwards. It is a week before the Conservative party conference. Mr Clarke suggests a cut in interest rates. Mr George takes a deep drag on his cigarette and says softly: "Well Chancellor, I can see the attractions. It may even seem to make sense in terms of the economic indicators. But I'm afraid the markets will not wear it — sterling will collapse."

In the past, that would have been the end of the conversation. In future, however, Mr Clarke can answer: "Well Governor, if you are convinced the pound is going to fall, why don't you short-sell a few billion of sterling before we announce the rate cut. That way you might recover some of £5 billion you lost for us on Black Wednesday."

Granada's new schedules

GRANADA is a reassuring exception in the leisure industry where most companies are caught uncomfortably between poor cash flow and falling asset values. Even though the group estimates that it will have gearing of 80 per cent by the end of the year, with net debts of almost £500 million, its long-term problem is what to do with the cash it is likely to generate in the next five years.

In the last half year, the group improved its underlying cash flow by £37 million, excluding disposals and a one-off settlement of a VAT dispute. This cut the normal seasonal cash outflow to a trickle. If that trend continues and television rental remains such a reliable cash generator, Granada will pay off the £202 million cash element of its recent acquisition of Sutcliffe, the catering business, within another two years. That target is all the more attainable if Gerry Robinson, the chief executive, succeeds in cutting excess working capital at Sutcliffe. Even large capital projects such as the £20 million construction of an M40 service station will do little to dent Granada's progress, since the group converts almost a sixth of its market value into cash each year.

Add to that the potential for Granada to sell its 13.5 per cent stake in BSkyB at a flotation later this decade and the group could have substantial cash reserves before long. The first target for these will surely be another television franchise. This would still leave the group heavily exposed to the British economy, so Mr Robinson needs to start looking abroad for Granada's next expansion, with all the risks that brings. These are not challenges preoccupying many companies just now.

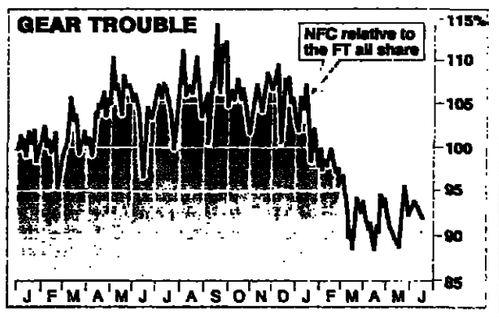
NFC

NFC suffered yesterday for being one of the most open companies on the stock market, a habit born from having 90 per cent of its 30,000 workforce as shareholders.

The company told shareholders that in its second half it expects to complete a review of the strategic options. Any resulting provisions will be set off against the £50 million exceptional gain in the first half from selling the waste management business.

The City interpreted this as a £25 million write-off at the year end which sliced 7p off the share price leaving it at 249p. This was a pity since NFC has underperformed the transport sector since the start of the year, in a market that is keen to talk up the prospects of any company. Most of NFC lived up to its long-held premium rating. Profits at both Exel Logistics and BRS rose by more than half. But the increases were obsured by an unwelcome loss of £6.1 million at Lynx, the parcels business.

The City also has concerns about NFC's gearing, but these do not have much foundation. Gearing has jumped from 32 per cent to 73 per cent in a year, but mostly for mundane reasons, such as the disposal of the travel agency, which carried high cash balances at this time of year, exchange rate differences, and a change in the timing of VAT payments. NFC is sticking to its forecast of up to £100 million pre-tax profit for the year. If that sticks and write-offs are modest, bears should be silenced.



Vodafone

THE tariff structure announced by Vodafone yesterday to coincide with the launch of its EuroDigital and MetroDigital services amounts to a broadside at the competition. The company's decision to abolish its London premium tariffs should protect its market leadership at a modest price. Revenues will be cut by about 7 per cent but this should be more than compensated for by the resulting growth in the customer base and call volumes.

The 24 per cent price cut should neutralise any threat posed by Mercury's new One-2-One PCN service while it remains limited to London, and has stirred Cellnet, which is stronger in the London area. Cellnet now has little option but to match the lower tariff.

Vodafone is ramming this competitive advantage home. It is unlikely that Cellnet will be able to match the Europe-wide EuroDigital service for several years, and Vodafone has pitched the price low enough to ensure it will appeal.

The only visible threats to the new initiative are that the company will be swamped with complaints by customers who discover that the European network is too patchy or expensive to use, or that the company may not be able to handle the volume of customers who want to switch to the digital service. Barring these pitfalls, fears earlier in the year about Vodafone's competitive position look to have been sorely misplaced.

Tarmac

THE City may have been unimpressed by the proceeds from Tarmac's disposal of some of its waste businesses, but the company has good reason to be relieved. Tarmac is selling two thirds of Econowaste for £44 million. This values the whole division at £66 million, about £15 million less than the division's original price tag — hardly surprising given that Tarmac is a forced seller in a crowded market.

The deal looks attractive for Hanson, which is paying less than 49p a cubic metre for the landfill, with options on 17 more sites. But it moves Tarmac closer to its target for sale proceeds of £300 million and gives it a £26 million book profit to bolster its accounts. The group has raised £212 million and most of the rest should be generated from the sale of the Ruberoid roofing business, which went on sale last month for £60 million. That will comfort Neville Simms, chief executive, as he prises the group from its debt squeeze.

Anagen

FEW investments are more speculative than Anagen. The company has no profits record and its success depends on sales of its AN2000 system, which is still undergoing regulatory tests. Anagen's directors have provided projections that suggest sales starting next year but no profits until 1996. If Anagen succeeds in cornering part of the immuno-assay business its shareholders will do well, but the company hardly needs a quotation. Biotechnology ventures are not for widows and orphans. A private placing with institutions would have been a more appropriate route.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Unsung swan song

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton showed a talent for levity at the end of a difficult 10 years as Governor of the Bank of England. At the Lord Mayor's bankers and merchants dinner, he lightened the solemnity of the Chancellor's speech with this celebration of his 12 remaining days in office:

Twelve economies diverging.
Eleven Lord Mayors presiding.
Ten select committee MPs questioning.
Nine ERM members realigning.
Eight trade secretaries trading places.
Seven wise men arguing.
Six chief secretaries cutting.
Five monetary aggregates.
Four Chancellors of the Exchequer.
Three deputy governors.
Two prime ministers.
and, yes, one governor, still in office — just.

Not being Christmas, it was reasonable that he refrained from singing it.

Wal of a time

LORD Hanson, Tiny Rowland and other showmen of the British business world love to entertain shareholders at their annual company meetings. But they will have to do better, if word filtering back from the American heartland is anything to go by. Wal-Mart, the discount stores colossus run by Sam Walton until his death a year ago, attracted 10,000 people to its annual meeting which ran for three days in Fayetteville, Arkansas, last week. The group, reputedly the world's biggest retailer with sales of $55 billion in 1992 and more than 2,000 outlets, wheeled out Miss USA to entertain the crowds and persuaded Andy Williams to sing *America*. Awe-struck guests included Paul Smiddy, retail analyst at Kleinwort Benson, who was particularly impressed by the sight of a Wal-Mart vice president having his ears pierced on stage. "He did it for a bet," says Smiddy, "and went off with a gold stud." Now that's what I call commitment.

Trading down

THE Confederation of British Industry justifiably enjoys a high reputation for its representative surveys of the manufacturing and distributive trades. However, its latest *State of Trade* survey, comparing business confidence in a number of European capitals, resorts to an eclectic selection of cities. It concludes that confidence in London about the next six months is higher than in any of the other eight capitals selected, in all but the construction sector. But can London sensibly be compared with Valletta (the Maltese capital in case you were wondering), southerly metropolises such as Athens and Lisbon, or even the recently reunited Berlin? If the CBI goes down this route, its survey sample may soon need to be widened to encompass Tirana, Vaduz and Andorra la Vella.

"Kenneth Clarke's style seems to have gone down better than anticipated."

LG heeds R-M

ROBERT Lloyd George, great grandson of the first world war leader, was so impressed by an article in *The Times* by William Rees-Mogg saying that the West was neglecting India in favour of China, that he is to set up an investment fund, the Lloyd George Management Fund, to invest in small companies in the sub continent, which he expects to enter a new era thanks to the country's economic reforms. In a previous job, Hong Kong-based Lloyd George managed a Himalayan fund for Indo-Suez, the French bank.

Robomops

BRITISH Rail, eager to cut costs, may care to look to Japan where robots are being used to remove rubbish from railway stations. The Central Japan Rail Company has sent two robots into action. They are about 5ft wide and 4ft long, caution bystanders and slow down when people approach. Sounds like the average British Rail employee.

JON ASHWORTH

Directors should act for owners

From Dr Maurice Gillibrand

Sir, The proposal by Mr Ralph Instone (Letters, June 8) that compensation to directors should require the prior agreement of shareholders will be supported by many individual shareholders who are only too aware that such payments are only possible since the directors can rely on the automatic proxy votes of the institutions.

However, Mr Instone does not tackle the difficult problem of the implementation of his proposal. Inevitably this could require parliamentary legislation and at present we have no indication that any political party envisages including such reform in its future policies. Thus, in the first instance, we have to convince the politicians that there is a need for reform of the Companies Act.

Nevertheless the issue of compensation to directors is only one example of the wider problem of the lack of accountability of the directors to the shareholders.

In addressing this problem any Parliamentary reform should seek to reflect the situation that the directors are agents of the owners of the business, namely the shareholders.

It is outside the scope of a letter to give detailed proposals but one way of implementing this principle would be for the shareholders at each annual general meeting to appoint a committee to represent their interests between annual meetings.

Yours faithfully,
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Gwynedd.

BES investors face retrospective tax

From Mr Stephen Gardner

Sir, Mr Cartwright (Letters, June 5) makes a valid analysis of how investors in the "loan back" type BES schemes will make their returns (assuming Michael Stern's amendment to the Finance Bill does not receive government backing), but I believe he has missed the point of your previous correspondent's letter.

Peter Wright was critical of the Stern amendment on the basis that, whatever the rights and wrongs of the tax loophole, it changes tax legislation retrospectively.

Although investors have not yet taken out their loans, they invested in such schemes in good faith, knowing they were both legitimate and it can be argued, beneficial to the revival of the housing market.

If Stern's amendment is passed, the taking out of the loan will invalidate any tax relief. This seems to be equivalent to the Chancellor announcing in March this year that Miras will be abolished with effect from December, last year.

I would be grateful if your readers could report any similar case of retrospective tax legislation in recent history to support Stern's argument as I am not aware of any.

Furthermore, as most investors were clearly warned of the risks associated with this particular investment, I believe that in the unlikely event the Stern amendment is passed, most will simply retain their shares, saving the Exchequer absolutely nothing.

Yours faithfully,
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NCC 'did not twist the facts'

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, We are pleased that the Building Societies Ombudsman and the Insurance Ombudsman like the National Consumer Council's report on their schemes. We are not surprised that they disliked our press release. But to allege "distortion" by NCC's press office is another matter entirely.

Certainly, the NCC's press release began by mentioning that around half a sample of consumers who had used one of the two ombudsmen schemes felt that the schemes were not sufficiently fair and that nearly a third questioned their independence. It went on to refer to "widespread dissatisfaction with the time it takes the ombudsmen to settle disputes and consumer criticism of the way that building societies and insurance companies deal with complaints".

As these criticisms inspired some of NCC's main proposals for reform of the two Ombudsmen schemes, it was important to highlight consumers' views of the two schemes. Indeed, it would have been bizarre to leave out consumer criticisms on the grounds that they were "negative".

We agree that the Ombudsmen schemes have provided "major benefits for the general public". Equally, the public have the right to know about the significant discontent voiced by some consumers who have experience of using the schemes.

Yours faithfully,
RUTH EVANS
Director,
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20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.

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Russians find a safe haven for their cash in Cyprus sunshine

Easy living and hard currency: Cyprus has many attractions

BY MICHAEL THEODOULOU

CYPRUS, once a haven for Lebanese businessmen fleeing their country's collapse, has quietly become Russia's key offshore base. The number of Russian offshore companies registering here in the last ten months has outstripped those from other countries, raising western suspicions that Cyprus is the most favoured destination for capital flight from Russia.

Estimates of the value of the missing money fluctuate wildly. Some claims in the American press that as much as $2.6 billion of Russia's hard currency and rerouted foreign aid has passed through Cyprus in the last year are dismissed as "gross exaggeration" by the island's central bank. It says the total assets for the 20 offshore banks in Cyprus are less than $1 billion.

With low interest rates in Russia, rampant inflation, a collapsing banking system and a plummeting rouble, many businessmen are keen to get their money into hard currency abroad. The International Institute of Finance, a Washington group that studies foreign debt, believes that $17 billion has fled Russia in the last two years, more than double the $8 billion western aid sent last year.

Capital flying from Russia includes misappropriated foreign aid, Russian raw materials bootlegged abroad and state funds syphoned off by communist party officials.

"There are two types of Russian companies here," a Cypriot accountant said. "The first are government companies that are authorised to do trade. The others are secret companies set up to keep money abroad. There are probably more of these than the first lot. I'm sure the money doesn't stay here though. Go to Switzerland if you're looking for it." Much of the cash arrives stuffed in suitcases. "I don't know if it's been taken out of Russia illegally but as long as it's declared at Larnaca airport here they're obeying Cypriot laws," he said.

An American official commented: "It's mostly individual Russians feathering their nests ... but Moscow is concerned. They're asking who are these people and where are they getting their money."

Of the 600 Russian companies registered in Cyprus, most are brass plate entities or individual bank accounts. Some are served by Vneshtorgbank, the state owned Bank for Foreign Trade of the Russian Federation, which opened in Limassol in 1989. Tokobank, one of Russia's big private banks, has just won a licence to open a representative office.

Several companies are joint ventures with foreigners investing in Russia who are taking advantage of an attractive 4.25 per cent double tax treaty with Cyprus. Some of these, like big Canadian exploration companies, are pumping millions of dollars into Russia through Cyprus to pay the wages of expatriot staff.

The Russians are drawn by the same attractions that have made Cyprus a major regional financial base — low tax, excellent telecommunications, a highly skilled local work force and sunshine. Russians do not need visas to enter Cyprus, just three hours from Moscow.

Entrepreneurial Cypriots were among the first to see the potential when the Soviet Union began to open its doors. Last year, George Vassiliou, the former president who is a self-made millionaire businessman and a Russian speaker, signed a deal with Boris Yeltsin to help develop the Krasnador region of Russia on the Black Sea.

Michael Zampelas, of Coopers & Lybrand in Cyprus, holds frequent seminars in Cyprus for visiting groups of business from the former Soviet Union to train them in "western business practices and methodologies".

Heseltine reform at DTI fails to impress CBI

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ The Treasury heads the departments that do not understand industry, says the CBI, emphasising the size of the task the Chancellor faces to regain confidence

BUSINESS remains sceptical about the impact of Michael Heseltine's Department of Trade and Industry within Whitehall, the Confederation of British Industry said.

The suspended response of the CBI on the impact of Mr Heseltine and the pro-industry changes to the DTI he has made since becoming president of the Board of Trade last year is a notably cool judgment on his performance.

Mr Heseltine will make clear his own views about government and industry, and especially the role of the over-large number of industrial trade associations, in a speech to a CBI conference today.

In evidence to the Commons' trade and industry select committee yesterday, the CBI said it was too early to offer conclusive judgments about the DTI's performance in its rediscovered role as a sponsor of trade and industry after the strategic and organisational changes introduced by Mr Heseltine.

While the "encouraging and long-overdue" signs from the government of the importance of a strong manufacturing base are welcomed, the CBI says there is still a "patchiness" in Whitehall's response to industry. Mark Radcliffe, the CBI's industrial adviser, told the committee yesterday that the Treasury was "at the top of th list" of government departments that did not understandindustry.

The CI said in its evidence that "en in those sectors where le dialogue has improvedonsiderably, industry still mains unsure about how iuential the DTI can be in ming certain that its viewse taken properly into account in government". While the DTI has a key role in promoting the cause of industry, the CBI says that most of the major decisions affecting the competitiveness of British industry, including economic, training, transport and environmental policy are outside the direct control of Mr Heseltine's DTI.

The confederation also seems to accept there is a gap between the discussions involving ministers and its own leaders, including Howard Davies, CBI director-general, and what industry feels at ground level about government contacts.

The CBI said: "While those more closely involved in dialogues with ministers and officials may be encouraged by the responses, for the majority of industry which is not involved in discussions at that level, seeing is believing and the jury is still out."

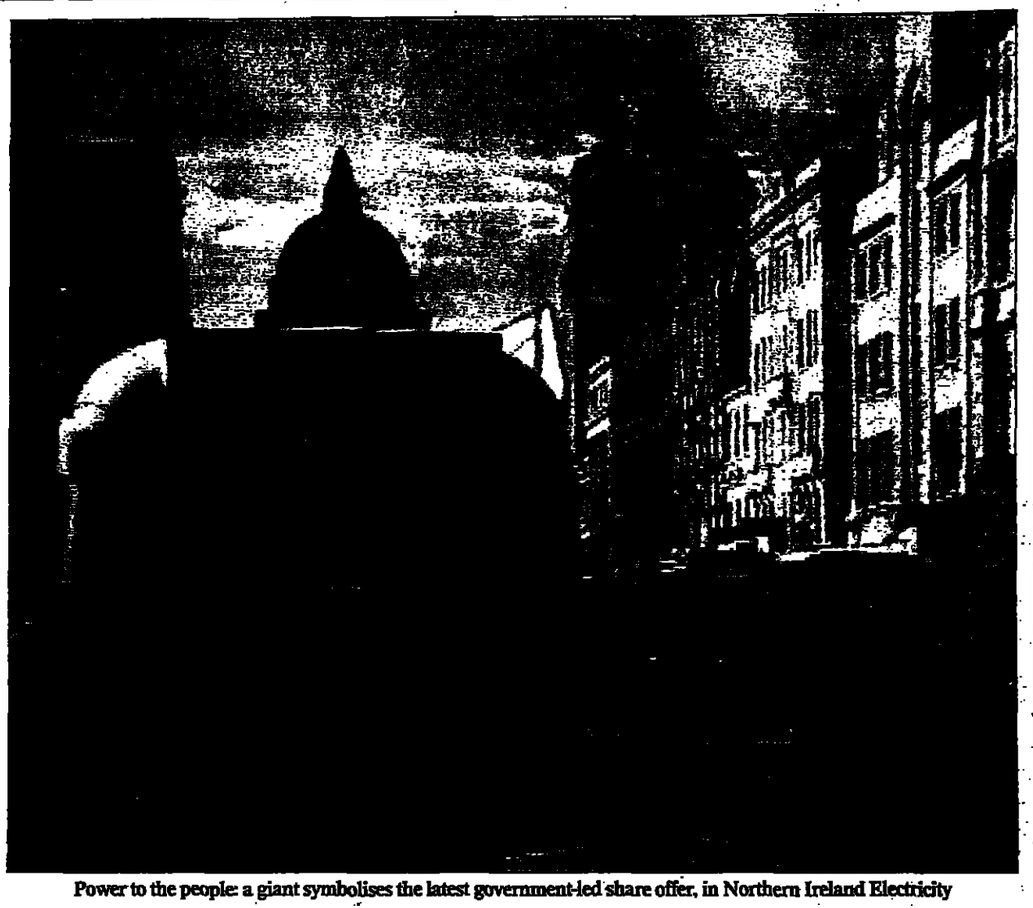
In its evidence to the committee, which is enquiring into UK competitiveness, the Federation of Small Businesses called for a two-tier system of interest rates. This would involved a "lower rate for business borrowing, thus distinguishing between borrowing for consumption and borrowing for investment in business and jobs".

Such a division, the federation said, is in place in many European countries, which offer preferential interest rates to small businesses to help encourage enterprise. A two-tier interest rate system in Britain "would ensure that government policy to reduce consumer spending by raising interest rates would not automatically jeopardise the viability of the small business sector, whose very success helps to regenerate the economy."

☐ Managers are squandering information technology and spending more time than ever in meetings or writing memos, according to the Institute of Management. Bosses are also "ignorant" of the advantages of increased technology with only one in seven understanding the potential, an institute survey said.

"Despite the promise of the paperless office, managers are still drowning in paper. There is a wide spread of information technology available yet managers are spending more time in meetings and writing memos than ever before."

Heseltine: jury still out



Power to the people: a giant symbolises the latest government-led share offer, in Northern Ireland Electricity

Investors surge for power shares

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THERE was a last-minute rush to buy into Northern Ireland Electricity before the offer for shares in the latest company to be privatised by the government closed yesterday. Drew Porter, of the Ulster Bank investment unit, said thousands of applications were made over the counter when the bank opened for two hours between 8am and 10am.

The offer is thought to have been oversubscribed by up to three times and an announcement on the allocation will be made before trading in the shares begins on June 21, possibly as early as this Friday.

More than 800,000 people registered to buy shares before the offer price was announced, about 300,000 of those made in Northern Ireland. Mr Porter estimates that well over 200,000 applications were made in the province.

Institutions were offered 55 per cent of the shares and the public 45 per cent, but if, as appears the case, public applications are greater in number, the institutions' share will be reduced to 33 per cent.

The shares have been priced at 220p, with a first payment on application of 100p and a second instalment of 120p in June next year. A total of 164.6 million shares were on offer, capitalising the company at £362 million.

☐ A government decision to delay electricity price rises in Northern Ireland until 1996 has been approved by the European Commission. The plan, designed to ease the burden on consumers whose electricity bills will rise under privatisation. Officials in Brussels said the implications for fair competition in the industry were marginal — electricity prices in Northern Ireland were already higher than in the rest of the UK.

A £12 million government fund is being set up for distribution among business users in Northern Ireland whose electricity charges are expected to rise ultimately by more than 9 per cent.

The aid will assist the introduction of a competitive and transparent electricity market in Northern Ireland, while cushioning the transition to energy prices that reflect the full cost, the European Commission said yesterday.

Tarmac to sell waste business for £44m

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

TARMAC, the construction and building materials giant, is selling most of its Econowaste waste disposal business to ARC, Hanson's aggregates subsidiary, for £44.2 million.

The sale represents the latest disposal in Tarmac's divestment programme and brings the total raised to more than £200 million in the last year. Tarmac is now well over halfway through the 19-deal divestment programme aimed at raising £300 million.

Hanson said the acquisition of the 18 Econowaste sites would increase ARC's landfill capacity by 54 million cubic metres. ARC already owns Greenways Landfill, which operates 20 sites in England and Wales, with a capacity of 42 million cubic metres.

The merged business will have a combined annual turnover of £35 million and will rank, in terms of landfill resources, among the top three waste companies in the UK.

The deal includes a waste haulage business and ARC will also have the option to acquire rights over 17 sites for future landfill.

☐ Sir Eric Pountain, the Tarmac chairman, told shareholders at the group's annual meeting that profit improvement measures should produce an improved first half result.

Sir Eric said the UK recovery was continuing, but with the exception of housing, which has shown consistent improvement, it was proving to be "a gradual and variable improvement". In the US, he said the pace of economic recovery had been "more moderate than hoped for".

Looking further to the future, Sir Eric said Tarmac was "correctly positioned" to enjoy the benefits of a recovery.

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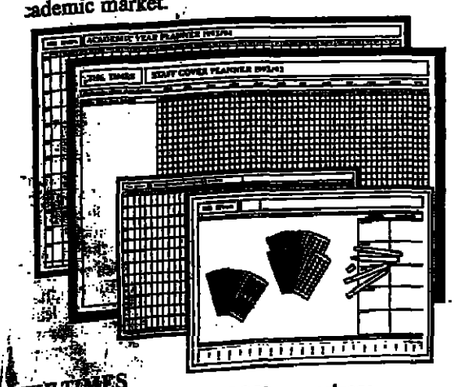

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Champneys offering keep-fit timeshare to boost fortunes

BY JON ASHWORTH

Time to share: Allan and Tanya Wheway, of Champneys, offer rooms and health for life

CHAMPNEYS, one of the world's most famous health resorts, is embarking on an unusual share issue. In a move that will leave well-manicured fingers trembling with horror, the £220-a-day luxury spa has resorted to a form of timeshare — perish the thought — to boost its fortunes.

Healthshare, as the scheme is dubbed, was dreamt up by Allan and Tanya Wheway, who led a consortium that bought the resort from Guinness for a reported £7 million last November. They have written to past guests, who include the Princess of Wales, Ringo Starr and Barbra Streisand, inviting them to buy a week each year at the 75-acre Hertfordshire resort for the rest of their lives. The cheapest rooms will cost £5,750, plus an annual fee of £770 (£577 double). The most expensive suites, Astor and Garden, cost £15,000 initially, plus £1,190 single (£896 double) a year.

Despite the connotations, Champneys is unlikely to become just another timeshare resort. Far from simply buying a room with a view, guests will be signing up for a week-long fitness programme called Health for Life.

The idea is to gradually phase out "ordinary" guests until Champneys becomes a members-only club. The owners believe this will take two to three years. For those who have always wondered why Champneys is so expensive, the issue prospectus has the answer — guests are currently paying a mark-up of 50 per cent. A weekly rate of £1,540 is charged for a single room with a "cost-only" value of £770. The lower tariff is available to Healthshare members.

The share issue has the trappings of an ambitious City placing. Applications have been capped — 1,420 places are restricted to London and the Home Counties, 310 have been set aside for the Middle East and Asia, 507 are open to Americans. A total of 3,774 places are available in total — 74 rooms and suites multiplied by 51 weeks.

Champneys estimates that the original capital investment will be repaid within five to six years. Wary of the timeshare overtones, the management has established a "very strict" code of practice to influence the way weeks at the resort are marketed. Hopefully, Champneys will elude the timeshare touts on the Costa del Sol.

Priority is being given to regular visitors. The idea is to restrict membership to those who have stayed at the spa, but past clients will be able to recommend friends who are interested.

The Wheways are no strangers to Champneys. They ran the resort for 16 years, only to leave in 1989 after falling out with Guinness. "The response has been tremendous so far," said Mrs Wheway, who has modelled the scheme in part on a health spa in Telluride, Colorado. "Although it was traumatic for us to leave, it was not a bad thing to step back and take a fresh look."

She defends the timeshare strategy, saying: "We wanted to run the finest health resort in the country and to make it financially attractive."

Champneys is now owned by a consortium of four: Allan and Tanya Wheway, Bill Bruce, a former deputy chairman of Barratt Developments, and Frank Chapman, who built the UK's first timeshare resort in 1975. The consortium is backed by the Bank of Scotland.

Guinness paid £3 million for Champneys in 1984 while under the tenure of Ernest Saunders. The brewing group still owns Gleneagles in Scotland.

Shake-up splits EBRD directors

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

DIRECTORS of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) have been given until July 6 to respond to final proposals from Jacques Attali, its embattled president, for an early management shake-up over which the bank's backers wildly disagree.

M Attali's future, management changes and the direction of the City-based EBRD are expected to come up for renewed discussion at the European Community summit in Copenhagen next week, as substantial differences have emerged between European governments.

When M Attali outlined his reorganisation plan last week, it was understood to have have been endorsed by the Group of Seven (G7) countries — Britain, America, Canada, Germany, France, Italy and Japan.

But at Monday's board meeting, G7 directors could not find a common stance.

Indeed, Canada and America opposed M Attali's plan, although the American director had to reverse his position during the sitting after receiving new instructions from Washington.

M Attali's formal written proposal was only submitted to the board late on Tuesday.

The G7 command 54 per cent of votes on the board, but a two-thirds majority is needed to approve management changes.

Claes de Neergaard, the Swedish director, was prominent among European directors who opposed a rush to make changes before the audit committee on EBRD spending reports in mid-July. He said he was speaking for Anne Wibble, chairman of the board of governors.

In the confusion over the Attali plan, which foresees the creation of two new posts of senior vice-president, one of which is earmarked for Ernest Stern, deputy head of the World Bank, Ron Freeman, M Attali's current American deputy, let it be known that he intends to stay at the bank.

He had initially considered resignation when it became clear that M Attali foresaw no future role for him.

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
421	345	Abbey Nt	400	−7	11.5	3.4	14.2
268	179	Allied Irish	251	−2	....	4.5	12.8
738	130	Ass New Z	165	....	....	....	5.8
3830½	3718½	Bankamerica	3850 †	+100	....	....	....
258	188	Bk of Ireland	240	....	....	5.6	∞
335	305	Bk Leumi UK	325	....	17.0	6.5	....
151	116½	Bank Scotland	149½	+½	4.5	3.8	28.8
470	362	Barclays	465	+ ¼	....	4.1	....
3½	2	Brochmack	3	....	....	....	....
52	37	Brown, Shipley	38	....	....	....	....
19½	15¼	Cadbith	18	....	....	....	....
511	395	Cater Allen	510	+1	30.0	6.4	....
120	85	Chilles	120	....	....	4.1	17.2
2400	1785½	Chase Manh	1962½	+9½	....	....	....
2045½	1343½	Citicorp	1812½	....	....	....	....
280	250	Close Bros	258	....	....	3.4	15.9
1125½	9225	Commerzbk	11215½	+195	....	2.2	....
13065	12850	Deutsche Bk	12795	−115½	....	2.5	....
81	45	First Nat Fin	78	....	....	....	....
1443	976	Fuji Bank Y	1399	+ 2	....	0.4	....
465	348	Gerrard Nat	459 †	....	21.5	6.4	11.1
657	480	HSBC	657	+ 7	19.8	3.6	15.7
642	474	HSBC Hk	641	+11	19.0	3.2	15.3
356	243	Hambros	338	....	....	5.3	15.4
368	313	Joseph (L)	358	....	....	15.6	8.5
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741	528	Warburg (S)	726 †	....	....	4.0	33.7
251	185	-do- 6% 'A'	250	....	....	3.0	....
7850	6040%	Wells Fargo	6600%	-45%	....	1.6	....
190	121	Westpac	186 †	+ 2	....	4.6	....
250	188	Whitbread	240	....	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

646	517	Allied-Lyons	537	−2	....	4.9	14.5
647	444	Bass	601 †	+ 2	18.9	4.9	16.5
223	189	Boddington	208	....	7.3	3.4	15.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	395	....	9.6	3.0	17.3
128	92	Burtonwood Bw	126 †	+ 1	4.6	4.1	9.9
387	261	Dornfield	387	....	12.8	3.5	17.9
102	75	Eldridge P 'A's	100	+ 1	....	4.1	20.1
68½	50½	Fowers Brewing	52½	+ ½	....	5.3	7.1
200	138	Fully Brn 'A's	183	− 2	....	8.2	10.1
480	383	Grand Met	474	− 1	12.3	3.9	14.1
422	360	Greenalls Grp	388	− 2	11.2	3.8	12.7
565	505	Greene King	537	....	11.6	2.7	14.0
516	443	Guinness	499	+ 4	....	3.0	15.9
281	230	Hardy Hanson	278	+ 2	4.2	1.5	16.0
135	105	Hawthorne	135	....	3.0	3.6	23.2
95	78	-do- 'A' DV±	92	....	3.0	4.6	19.6
362	258	Highland Dist	358	+17	8.6	2.5	21.5
3125	2538	Invd	3117	....	41.0	1.7	10.3
58	35	Hoskins Brew	58 §	....	....	....	40.9
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	280	+ 5	7.0	3.1	....
186	157	Macallan-Glen	180	− 1	0.9	0.7	29.2
495	375	Matin Martn 'A'	395 †	....	....	2.9	18.3
620	455	Mansfield	620	+10	15.4	2.4	....
256	231	Minton Thmp	244	+ 4	5.4	2.2	....
435	357	Matthew Clark	430	+ 2	....	5.3	....
330	253	Morpthm W	328	....	....	4.3	7.5
530	455	Morrison	528 †	....	....	8.4	12.0
12	6½	Paramount	9½	....	....	2.7	15.5
165	145	Regent Inns	161	....	....	3.5	16.7
380	253	SA Breweries	353	+ 9	....	3.9	....
482½	378	Scot & Newc	470	+ 1	16.1	3.4	12.8
223	181	Tamdon Cider	212	....	....	3.8	20.3
268	213	Vaux Group	224	....	9.3	5.3	15.4
301	225	Wethrspoon ID	287	+ 2	....	2.1	23.2
236	185	Whitbread 'A'	230	+ 1	....	4.5	12.4
1180	850	-do- 'B'	970 †	+35	....	2.3	24.3
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	510	− 8	11.4	2.5	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	478	....	....	14.5	3.8	....

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	113	....	....	1.2	40.8
22	13	Alfredpheme	19	....	....	....	....
108	97	Allens	107	− 1	....	5.8	10.8
69	65	Amec	68	− 2	3.0	4.3	16.3
7	4	Anglia Sec	6½	....	....	....	....
216	155	Ashtead	215	− 1	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	108	Ashwoods	118	+ 1	5.0	5.4	16.8
240	180	BPB Ind	231	− 1	....	4.1	52.7
69	57	Beggridge Brk	64	− 1	3.1	4.7	28.0
21	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	21	....	....	0.5	....
105	74	Barrow	100 †	....	....	1.5	18.1
149	94	Barrat Devs	148	....	....	2.0	17.5
412	305	Bellway	407	+ 6	....	3.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	26	+ 1	....	....	....
421	290½	Berkeley Grp	373	+ 5	....	2.0	23.7
83	65	Bett Bros	83 †	....	....	0.8	3.4
63	36	Blackleys	60	....	1.0	2.1	66.3
265	189	Blue Circle	252	− 7	....	5.6	....
288	200	Boot (Henry)	282	....	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Brandon PLC	98	....	4.6	6.2	22.5
121	82	Br Dredging	113	....	5.2	5.8	25.1
83	45	Brit Fittings	80	− 1	1.5	2.3	....
151	99	Bryant	138	....	....	4.8	4.3	39.5
81	53	CALA	80	....	....	2.5	....	....
284	225	CRH	222	....	....	....	3.4	17.3
43	22	Calednond Khy	34	....	....	....	....	....
45½	23	Costain	44½	....	....	....	....	....
137½	86½	Countryside	129	− 1	....	4.0	33.7
70	38	Crest Nicholson	66	....	0.0	....	....	....
94	28	Cussins	94	....	....	....	....	....
3½	1½	Dunstone	1½	....	....	....	....	....
25	16½	Edmond Hdgs	20	....	....	0.5	3.1	....
257	178	Epwin	256	....	....	6.8	3.3	21.7
51	32	Erbe	49	....	....	0.3	0.9	....
370	252	Fac Groups	368	....	....	....	3.3	13.7
59	34	Evered Bardon	57	....	....	2.0	4.4	28.8
6½	3½	Explasurs	3½	− 1	....	....	....	....
140	97	Freeman Gps	136	....	....	....	4.0	21.6
50	38	Galliford	42	....	....	4.3	....	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	60	....	....	....	....	....
878	645	Gleeson (M.J)	878	....	....	12.7	1.8	14.2
122½	90	Bowden-Stuart	117	....	....	....	3.5	26.6
51	28	Hewetson	49	....	....	2.6	....	48.8
203	186	Heywd Wms	202	....	12.5	6.2	....	....
10½	7	Higgs & Hill	9½	....	....	2.5	3.2	....
35	27	How Gp	28	....	....	....	6.7	....
19	15	Howard Hdgs	18	....	....	0.5	3.5	....
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185½	125	Ievin	76	....	....	....	....	....
272	196	Laing (J)	262	....	9.0	4.3	10.5
83	55	Ln Cycledale	80	+ 5	4.5	7.2	29.4
23	10½	Lovell (V.J)	21	....	....	....	5.0	....
315	240	Manders	313	....	8.0	3.6	19.2
143	93	Marley	138	....	4.2	3.0	30.6
92	61	Marshalls	92	+ 2	4.6	5.0	∞
163	122	Maunder (J)	161	....	4.6	3.8	14.9
214	9½	McAlpine (A)	208	....	6.5	3.1	16.0
48	23	McCarthy & S	35	....	0.5	....	....
380	272	Meyer Int	359	− 1	10.0	3.5	∞
4	4	Miskin Gps	4	....	....	....	....
129	62	Mowlem (J)	113	− 4	4.0	4.4	....
78	51	NSM	68	....	....	....	23.5
53	48	Nestler a	48	....	....	....	6.7	19.8
140	105	Newman Tstr	140	....	....	4.6	4.3	25.2
300	197	Pentlmnon	257	− 3	8.6	....	....	....
31	20	Phoenix Timber	26	....	....	....	....	....
1625	1237½	Pochins	1442½	....	29.0	2.6	8.6
146	80	Prowting	130	....	3.4	3.3	....
6½	3½	Quilldene	4½	....	....	....	....	....
780	555	RMC Gp	761 †	+ 3	....	3.2	20.9
117	90	Raine Ind	92	....	6.0	8.3	15.4
36	20	Ramsay	21	....	....	....	....	....
519	402	Redland	468	+ 9	20.0	6.7	27.3
77	54	Redpt	72	....	4.3	7.5	10.6
296	207	Rugby Group	276	− 1	6.4	2.9	21.1
42	23	Rwfld-Rwe	42	....	....	....	....	....
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	113	....	....	4.4	10.6
172	88½	Sheffield Ind	165 †	....	....	4.1	45.5
120	82	Sheriff Hdgs	120	+ 7	....	2.1	17.7
68	66	Shorco	74	....	....	....	4.5	....
228	197	Smart (J)	197 †	....	....	8.5	5.4	9.0
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142	103	Tarmac	137½	....	....	5.0	....	....
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BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	580	− 5	....	....	....
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	....	11.0	5.2	8.3
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54	37	African Lakes	37	....	....	5.4	....
178	125	Aimo Sec	168	− 2	....	4.1	29.2
116	84	BET Ord	109	....	3.2	3.7	....
61	41	BNB Rs	57	....	4.9	8.7	....
418	329	Bgr	390	....	8.0	3.4	16.0
265	235	Barbour Index	265	....	7.2	3.7	18.2
22	15	Boustead	15	....	0.7	4.6	....
243	198	Brit Dent Mgt	242	....	....	3.7	....	16.7
21	11	Brooklands	21	....	....	....	....	....
73	54	Brooks Service	68	....	....	....	....	....
104	80	CKT Gp	97	....	2.4	3.1	13.1
178	139½	Capita Group	176	− 2	....	1.5	27.5	....
49½	31	Chiltd Plc	43	....	....	2.4	16.3
57	49	Chiltern Capital	49½	....	....	....	....	....
51	26	Christie	41	....	....	....	....	....
310	228	Chubb Sec	306	+ 1	....	2.0	20.2
81	18	Comaco	78	+ 3	....	....	2.5	18.7
30	6½	Corp Services	27	+ 1	....	....	....	....
49	30	Dart	49	....	3.3	4.6	10.2
231	188	Davis Service	222	+ 1	....	4.5	18.7
104	85	EW Pacts	91	....	....	4.3	9.9	16.4
246	215	Expy	215	− 4	4.6	2.7	21.2
238	174	Flogg Robinson	200	+ 4	6.3	3.9	15.0
70	49	Holmes Protectn	46	....	....	....	....	....
189	137	Hunt Whitmp	167	+ 2	....	2.5	....	....
1050	975	ISS B DKF	1007½	+ 9	....	2.9	20.3
237	232	Inchcape	234	− 2	....	2.9	....	....
863	680	Johnson Clctn	838	....	....	3.3	13.7
12	2½	Lep	9	....	....	....	....	....
244	173	Mkt Gp	235	....	2.7	1.5	14.5
1187	893	Manpower	1165	....	....	....	....	....
48	45½	Michael Page	48	+ 5	1.8	4.7	20.4
229	208	Pennon	208	....	....	6.2	....	....
4½	2	Prince Peoples	3	....	....	....	....	....
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	87	+ 2	....	17.2	4.8	....
423	373	RCO	378	....	....	12.8	4.7	12.7
118	108	REA	108	....	....	4.0	4.8	....
183	48	Read Executive	168	....	....	....	....	....
156	113	Reliance Sec	153	....	....	4.2	13.4	....
238	178	Rentokil	180	+ 2	2.2	1.2	23.2	....
280	240	Rolls & Nolan	280	−11	7.2	2.5	....	....
369	342	Safeteen (C)	347½	− 1½	....	2.2	18.8	....
35	29	Scot Pickards	29	....	....	3.4	8.0	....
305	164	Secshpoint	301	+ 1	9.4	3.9	15.9	....
6½	5	Select Appts	6	....	....	....	....	....
688	695	Serco Gp	948	....	14.0	1.8	26.2	....
252	246	Sherwd Cmpts	247	....	....	4.8	21.5	....
130	90	Shanbley	94	....	....	2.5	14.7	....
355	310	Walter Howrd	320	....	6.8	....	....	....
46	27	Welpac	36	....	....	0.6	30.1	....
26	14	Wills Gp	22	....	....	....	....	....

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

268	210	Allied Colloids	225	+ 1	....	2.4	19.2
783	613	Amersham	730	− 2	13.5	2.2	∞
7	3	Anglo Ind	3	−3½	....	....	....
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£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£1085	....	9.5	7.1	18.0
178	134	Biagden	167	....	....	8.7	9.7
165	98	Brent Chems	158	....	....	....	....	....
570	390	Br Vita-Tech	548	....	7.3	11.1	....
20	15	Chird Gp	15	− 1	1.2	7.8	....
153	126	Canning (W)	130	− 2	7.2	0.8	15.9
609	504	Courtaulds	544 †	+ 8	....	3.4	18.6
284	228	Crode	284	+ 6	....	4.6	41.0	15.9
149	121	Deeflex	140	+ 3	7.0	4.2	19.8
208	179	Ellis & Everard	208	....	8.8	5.1	19.6
33½	15½	Gem Colour	32 †	....	....	2.6	14.6
291	258	Halstead (J)	291	....	....	4.5	21.5
241	194	Hickson	232	+ 2½	....	3.8	....
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105	63	Alston	78	− 1	3.0	4.8	....
85	62	Amber Day	79	− 1	3.1	5.1	17.5
319	257	Argos Plc	310	+ 1	....	2.8	26.5
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	113 †	− 2	0.3	0.3	....
305	228	Asprey's	280	....	....	2.1	23.1
136	80	Austin Reed	132 §	....	....	2.5	....
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	146	....	....	3.4	11.1
127	96	Berkells	103	....	1.9	1.8	14.7
276	208	Betterware	240 †	....	6.0	2.7	16.7
35	23	Blacks Leis	30	− 1	2.2	9.9	....
225	152	Body Shop	190 †	− 3	....	1.1	24.5
16	12	Brown & Jackson	14½	....	....	0.7	....
401	318	Brown (N)	328 †	....	....	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	85	+ 1	....	2.3	....
145	126	Centers	143	....	....	2.3	19.0
309	258	Church	308	....	12.5	4.4	31.8
180	97	Clinton Cards	141	....	4.2	3.0	17.0
247	212	Coats Viyella	239½	+ 0½	....	3.8	22.9
105	78	Colorvision	95	....	....	....	....	....
388	324	Courts Furnish	317	....	5.0	1.5	25.9
155	115	Dawn Farm	150	....	....	2.5	6.4
115	80	Derby Farm Ind	110	....	....	4.5	9.2
71	51½	Dewhirst (J)	71	+ 1½	1.5	1.5	22.8
281	196½	Dixons Grp	216	+ 1	6.0	2.5	25.4
148	120	Dunhill	147	....	8.1	3.0	....
21	12½	EMA Gp	16	....	....	....	....	....
350	270	Ernest Jones	350	....	....	....	....	....
115	71	Etbro Pens	101	....	....	3.4	12.1
298	208	Exmn	265	....	6.9	2.5	22.5
582	499	Fine Art Dev	552	....	12.7	2.9	18.0
50	36	Fitted Bath Tiles	38	....	....	....	....	....
500	428	Forminster	498	....	12.5	3.1	10.4
80	56	French Conn	68	....	....	....	....	....
48	21	Gebbler A	45	....	2.0	....	....	9.0
63	43	Gent Sir	58	− 2	2.0	4.5	10.0
58	43	Goldsmiths Gp	50	+ 4	2.3	6.8	....
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1728	1380	-do- 'A'	1720	+ 40	60.0	1.6	26.2
40	32	Hampden Grps	32	− 2	....	3.9	15.9
277	200	Hanimex	92	....	....	....	....	....
30	20	Harrison Hdgs	20	....	4.8	24.5	....
32	22	Hedaya Plc	28	....	2.0	10.7	11.3
80	38	Heritage	53	....	....	....	....	....
85	65	Hodgson Mart	80	− 2	2.0	2.5	....
30	23	Holt Furnishng	28	....	....	....	....	....
48	23	Holt Lloyd Gp	48	+ 4	2.0	4.2	9.8
1½	1	Hse of Fraser	1½	....	....	....	....	....
619	465	Ind Cmnty	619	+ 4	17.2	4.1	10.0
514	424½	Kidsgrove Elec	478	− 4	17.2	4.1	10.0
548	440	Northern Elec	534	+ 3	18.5	4.5	7.8
544	439	Norweb	531	+ 1	17.7	4.4	9.4
597	457	Scottish Power	581	+ 4	....	4.4	11.6
559	430	Seeboard	555	+ 4	17.2	4.1	9.4
537	469	Sth Wales	528	+ 1	19.4	4.6	8.7
535	435	Sth Western	488	+ 2	17.4	4.5	8.7
498	406	Southern Elec	487	+ 2	16.6	4.5	9.3
652	458	Yorkshire Elec	522	− 1	17.7	4.3	9.5
369	273	National Pwr	364 †	....	....	3.6	11.1
388	303	PowerGen	383	....	....	3.4	10.5

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297	241	London Elect	288	....	....	4.5	9.9
549	438	Manweb	527	+ 5	....	5.1	7.4
514	424½	Midlands Elec	478	− 4	17.2	4.5	10.0
548	440	Northern Elec	534	+ 3	18.5	4.5	7.8
544	439	Norweb	531	+ 1	17.7	4.4	9.4
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369	273	National Pwr	364 †	....	....	3.6	11.1
388	303	PowerGen	383	....	....	3.4	10.5

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488	413	Caledonia	419	....	14.6	4.3	16.1
1500	1025	Cornelius	1375	....	23.0	2.5	11.6
365	308	Comlover	364	....	10.2	4.9	18.7
103	71	Hornchrch	98 †	− 3	....	0.6	∞
503	153	Gamer	284 †	....	....	5.3	8.9
151	126	Ivory Sinnt	150	+ 1	6.5	5.6	∞
6½	3	LIT	3½	....	....	....	....
12	11	Lightstdp	12 ∎	....	....	....	....	0.6
205	154	Lon Forthings	200	....	8.4	5.4	14.1
84	42	Mitchells	61	....	....	....	....	....
15½	3½	Nth Home Loan	9½	....	....	....	....	....
50	40	Newmarket	50	....	....	....	....	....
270	246	Rathbone Bro	254	− 1	6.0	2.7	16.7
259	17	Rowland Tst	22½	− ½	....	4.4	13.4
330	253	S A U	274	+ 2	10.0	4.6	∞
70	48	Slinger & Fried	68	+ 1	2.6	4.8	∞
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194	158	MAI	192	....	5.0	2.9	14.0
527	399	MAM	525 †	+ 1	15.0	3.6	13.1
790	633	M & G	778	+ 1	4.5	0.7	∞
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78	58	Albert Fisher	68	....	3.7	7.1	11.0
407	307	Argyll	341	− 3	....	4.1	12.3
277	200	Allied Grp	249	....	....	2.8	....
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A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 0010448 of 1991
BELVEDERE CARPET SUPPLIES LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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It is not proposed to summon a General Meeting of the company's creditors under Section 141 for the purpose of determining whether a Liquidation Committee should be established under that Section.
In accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986 the Liquidator shall summon such Meeting if requested by one tenth, in value, of the company's creditors.
Dated 11th June 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
SHARAN OF LONDON LIMITED (No 009848 of 1991)
THE FINSBURY SECRETARIAT LIMITED (No 0012217 of 1991)
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J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 007758 of 1992
UNIVERSAL EXCAVATIONS LTD (In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

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CHANCERY DIVISION
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LENSHART LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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In accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986 the Liquidator shall summon such Meeting if requested by one tenth, in value, of the company's creditors.
Dated 11th June 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 0010104 of 1990
SERVBEST LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, John Colin Shuttleworth of Shuttleworth & Co., 20 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex, IG10 2PS was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on the 5th April 1993 by the Secretary of State.
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Dated 11th June 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

RE: COMMODORE PRINT SERVICES LIMITED, and THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Tuesday the 22nd June 1993, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A. Segal & Co., Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Friday 18th June 1993.
Dated this 4th day of June 1993.
Colin Wainwright, Director.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 005842 of 1992
TEBB PROPERTIES LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated 11th June 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 0013182 of 1991
CHECKSQUARE LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated 11th June 1993.
J.C. Shuttleworth, Liquidator.

RE: POMPEI SHOES LTD. and THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Mr C D'Auria, Director.

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ACCOUNTANCY

Flexibility adds up to success

BY NEIL HARRIS

LIFE was so much easier in the eighties. If you wanted to become an accountant there were plenty of opportunities and firms fell over themselves to take on new graduates.

This year competition is fierce. From a peak of 6,800 vacancies in 1989, accountancy firms have fewer than 4,500 this time — some say as few as 3,500. Public finance accountants, which in better times had 1,100 vacancies a year, expect only 650 training opportunities this year.

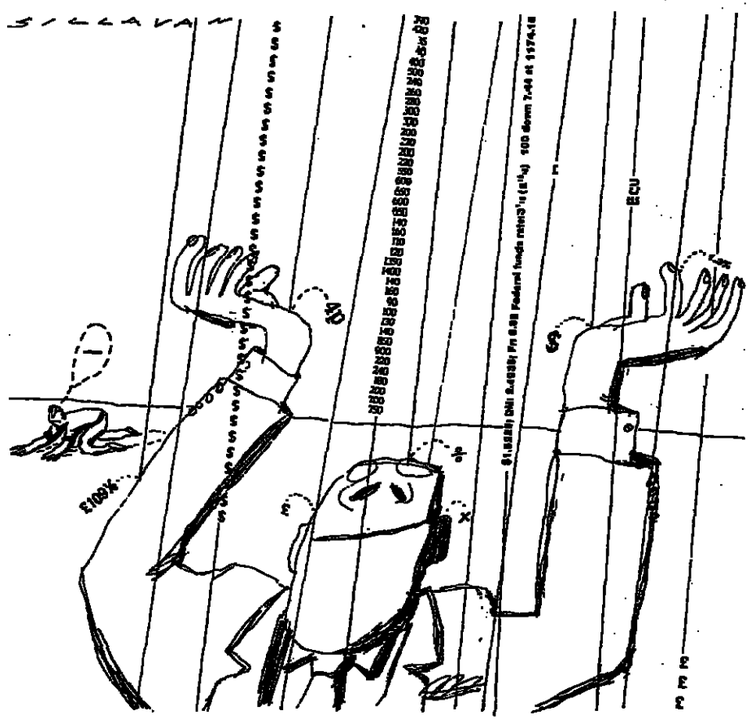
So what can you do if you don't land one of the vacancies but remain convinced that you want to be an accountant? This is a problem currently exercising the minds of many undergraduates.

Taking time out and returning to the fray next year is one solution. Spending a year in Australia was all the rage when jobs were plentiful. Now they are not, student financing has deteriorated and most new graduates have big overdrafts which make this an unrealistic option. Recruiters, however, are impressed by people with get up and go who went somewhere and appear to have achieved something.

Studying for a masters degree in a relevant subject, such as the courses in business finance at Brunel University or accounting and finance at Stirling University, is a second option. Again financial aid from the research councils is not easily achieved.

The entire support for post-graduate study from the Economic and Social Research Council only adds up to about 450 awards each year and most of those do not go to students in accountancy-related subjects. Students seeking this financial support will need an upper second class honours degree to stand any chance of competing successfully for an award.

This year's novel solution is to pay for your own training. Both the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy have changed their rules recently to allow trainees to study for and complete all but their final professional exams without actually having a job. If lawyers can get students to pay for their own professional training and do it in their own time, some think why not accountants?



BPP, the tutor, sensing a new market, now offers its graduate accountancy training scheme (GAT) which aims to get participants through the foundation and intermediate courses of the ICAEW after just nine months study.

Fees for the foundation and intermediate full-time course are £5,800, but there are cheaper alternatives that take longer. Part-time link studies cost £1,500 for the foundation and £1,800 for the course leading to the intermediate exam. "Some students find their A levels are holding them back," said Adrian Sims, a BPP director. "GAT allows people with lower grades to make themselves more marketable. We give students a test of accountancy competence at an early stage in their intermediate studies to check they are not wasting their time. Part-qualified accountants earn more than unqualified accountants, so completing our course should increase a starting salary."

BPP has appointed PASS, the north London accountancy training and recruitment consortium, as its approved adviser. PASS will interview GAT students, provide pastoral care and try to place people when they finish the course.

Some accountants are sceptical. Most of the top firms seek graduates with 2 Bs and a C at A level and possibly an upper second class degree. Candidates below this line academically are considered a high risk when it comes to passing exams. "The root cause of failure to obtain employment as a trainee is not usually A levels," said Ian du Pre, head of recruitment at Coopers & Lybrand.

"It is lack of team skills, good communication and leadership. If you are asking for a job in 1994 you should demonstrate you have clear plans to do something positive in the meantime. Gaining non-academic skills, attending a language school or going abroad could be some of them. Don't just tell the interviewer you are going to Australia, demonstrate how you planned your visit and what you intend to gain from it."

Anna Stapleton, who looks after the training of recruits at Ernst & Young is more optimistic. She said: "It seems to be a sensible scheme. If someone has done quite well — sailed through the foundation course — I think they would be considered provided they met our recruitment criteria. The big firms may not all be interested in this scheme, but there is so much pressure on small firms who cannot afford to train students themselves that I think they will happily take students who can prove they can pass the intermediate exams. Of course there can be no guarantees but students who have passed some of the professional exams should stand a better chance."

Despite the recession and the fierce competition for vacancies, many of the larger firms still have a few vacancies and will be attending the London Graduate Recruitment Fair, organised by the University of London Careers Service, at the Business Design Centre on July 6-8.

Large firms find it easy to fill vacancies in the cities but receive few applications from candidates interested in joining their smaller offices. Although many candidates apply for audit training, competition is less severe for tax training jobs. Firms that recruit public finance accountancy trainees for their local authority audits also find it hard to attract good quality applicants for these vacancies.

The message is clear. Students who are flexible on location and type of job when they start training stand a better chance of being accepted.

The author is deputy director of the University of London Careers Advisory Service.

The London Graduate Recruitment Fair takes place at the Business Design Centre, Islington on July 6, 7 & 8, preceded by the Schools Fair. The two events form Directions Week '93 which is sponsored by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. For more details call free on 0800 252183.

Adam Smith would have approved

AT FIRST glance the latest report from the research committee of the Scots ICA might convince you that it had gone barking mad. The proposals it puts forward would lead to the collapse of most of the big accounting firms. They have always thought they are at best misunderstood and at worst disliked by the accounting bodies, and might think this now confirms that view. The report, *Auditing Into the Twenty-First Century*, has much of the hallmark of Professor Steve Zeff of Houston, the Scots international research adviser.

Its theme is that if the public do not understand the idea that auditors only offer an opinion on company accounts, rather than preparing the figures and rooting out fraud, then it should be abandoned. Much better to insist companies bear the responsibility for ensuring figures and accounting policies are correct. Then all you need is an outside assessor to judge whether they have acted correctly. At a stroke this removes the lengthy audit requirement and places the emphasis and responsibility back in the boardroom. The report opens with a quotation from Adam Smith: "The directors of companies being the managers of other people's money than of their own, it cannot well be expected that they should watch over it with the same anxious vigilance with which the partners in private copartnery frequently watch over their own." That is the justification for auditors acting on behalf of shareholders. But, as we all know, that relationship is not a direct or powerful one today. As the report says, "it is usually the directors who effectively appoint and dismiss the external auditors with the appointment or dismissal merely being ratified by the shareholders at the agm." As a result, auditors can easily be put under pressure by directors. It argues that directors can raise the pressure by seeking second opinions and that "due to cost pressures" both auditors and directors are gradually reducing the external auditor's role to a minimum level that manages to fulfil the letter of the law but little else.

ROBERT BRUCE

Meanwhile, audit fees fall as competition rises and should auditors find a sniff of a fraud, it may be difficult to convince the board fees should be raised to cover extra work. "If the directors are involved in the malpractice," says the report, "the external auditors are in a very difficult situation." The independence is further diluted if auditors are used as "hired guns" to lobby accounting standards bodies on behalf of clients' interests. "We believe it is reasonable for the public to expect external auditors are independent of the directors of companies being audited," it adds. "Within the present corporate governance framework it is not clear that this is the case."

All this paints a gloomy picture of the external audit. The answer is to chuck it away and strengthen the internal audit. Here the report fits well with the Cadbury views on corporate governance which also focused heavily on the lost opportunities of internal audit. Under the Scots proposals all this would change. Each company would appoint a financial reporting and audit committee of non-executive directors that would appoint a chief internal auditor who would be the pivot of independence upon which the whole edifice depended. To ensure he or she was "as independent as possible", they "should have no executive function in the company." This person would be responsible for appointing, overseeing and directing the internal audit team and reporting the results to the board. The directors would certify, based on the internal auditor's report, that the figures, systems and policies showed a true and fair view. There would still be a need for external assurance. This would be provided by an "external assessor" who would look at the work and judge whether it was independent and effective. As much of the old external audit checking would have been done by internal auditors, there would be much less work for the assessor. "To heighten the sense of commitment of the partner in charge of the external assessment," he or she would sign the report rather than the firm. This would also raise the need for a return to judgment rather than reliance on the law.

The report says this system would cut the public's expectation gap. I suspect all that would happen is that, like the current road improvements between Edinburgh airport and the city, you would simply move the problem elsewhere. Also the large audit firms, while they might see it as a useful way of jettisoning dull audit work, are much more likely to follow Adam Smith. As the quotation in the report makes clear, private partners in copartnery are extremely vigilant at protecting their money.

The author is Associate Editor of Accountancy Age.

DTI plans to blow cobwebs off arcane company laws

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

IN a little-noticed announcement last week, Neil Hamilton, the corporate affairs minister, started a process that will keep many accountants, lawyers and tax experts busy arguing for months, even years to come. He is setting up a series of working parties to discuss detailed company law issues and suggest solutions that could form the basis of a reforming bill, should some gap appear on Parliament's production line.

Subjects range from live issues such as company voluntary arrangements, disincorporation and simplifying rules for private companies, to the esoteric, such as the law on groups of companies or the quantity of Companies House filings. The future of Section 151 of the 1985 Companies Act, which limits or prohibits companies from helping people to buy their shares could have far-reaching effects. Any bill could also bring in changes raised by the McFarlane report on the future of auditing.

The DTI's interest in simplifying reforms is a feather in the cap of David Lindsell, technical partner at Ernst & Young. An E&Y study urging abolition of 50 disclosure requirements the firm regarded as redundant seems to have spurred the trade department. The E&Y list includes items from the latest accounting standards and rulings. Its main target, however, was disclosures made redundant by subsequent legal requirements or overtaken by professional accounting standards.

Mr Lindsell says his own firm's checklist of disclosures to be ticked off before accounts can be signed has more than doubled in size to 51 pages. He argues: "Over the years, legislators have added many new requirements, sometimes at the behest of the EC, without taking out old and unnecessary things". He says private companies can no longer understand which rules apply to them and which do not. Accounting laws on groups of companies are out of date because they treat each company as a single entity. Reform could drastically simplify reporting and oblige groups to stand behind subsidiaries.

Hamilton: series of working parties

Some issues will bring direct conflict of opinion. Steve Hill of Coopers & Lybrand argued in the firm's annual insolvency review that changes in the law were required if more general use is to be made of company voluntary arrangements, which occurred in only 76 of 80,000 insolvencies in 1992. Professor Roger Gregory of Touche Ross argued on this page that the law was no bar if court practice was simplified, allowing practitioners to be more flexible.

The rules on disincorporation are closely linked to the fierce argument over the future of small company audits. ACCA argues that statutory audit is the proper price of the privilege of limited liability. In its response to the latest DTI consultation on abolishing audit rules for the smallest companies, it says anomalies are best addressed by focusing on whether such companies should continue to be incorporated: "Many companies were formed for reasons which have either ceased to be, or never were, appropriate. Others are formed to overcome legal obstacles that have nothing to do with their trade".

Mavis Sargent, ACCA tax expert, says the main deterrents to disincorporation are tax rules rather than company law. A company has to be liquidated so assets can attract capital gains tax, which the trader may have no funds to pay. The company cannot transfer the losses out, if liquidated, and sole traders cannot carry losses back like a company.

Judith Freedman of the London School of Economics, whose research for the Economic and Social Research Council lies behind much of the DTI thinking, argues that disincorporation is likely to remain tricky and expensive and that the best immediate help to tiny companies would be to relieve them of the relatively heavy expense of statutory audit. While she agrees that thousands of tiny limited companies do not need that status, she argues that the most practical future approach would be to educate traders and their clients so that they did not feel the need to incorporate in the first place.

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Facts in contribution notice cases

Arab Monetary Fund v Hashim and Others (No 8)

Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment May 28]

In proceedings pursuant to a contribution notice under section 1 of the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978, where a fact pleaded by way of defence was inconsistent with a fact pleaded in the plaintiff's statement of claim the court had to assume that the former fact would not have been established; but where the defendant alleged a material fact which was not so inconsistent, the court was not obliged to treat the negation of that fact as forming part of "the factual basis of the claim against him" within the meaning of the proviso to section 1(4) of the Act.

Propositions of foreign law which the plaintiff advanced in order to succeed against the party claiming contribution did not form part of such "factual basis" so as to be incontrovertible by the defendant.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in the Chancery Division when granting an application by Dr Jawad Mahmoud Hashim, the first defendant, for leave to amend his defence to a claim for contribution under that Act made by First National Bank of Chicago and three affiliated corporate bodies, the fifth to eighth defendants, collectively FNBC, in the main action.

Section 1 of the 1978 Act provides: "(1) . . . any person liable in respect of any damage suffered by another person may recover contribution from any other person liable in respect of the same damage . . .

"(4) A person who has made . . . any payment in bona fide settlement or compromise of any claim made against him in respect of any damage . . . shall be entitled to recover contribution in accordance with this section without regard to whether or not he himself is or ever was liable in respect of the damage, provided, however, that he would have been liable assuming that the factual basis of the claim against him could be established . . .

"(6) References in this section to a person's liability . . . are references to any such liability which has been or could be established in an action brought against him in England and Wales by . . . the person who suffered the damage; but it is immaterial whether any issue arising in any such action was or would be determined (in accordance with the rules of private international law) by reference to a law of a country outside England and Wales."

Mr Hugo Page for Dr Hashim: Mr Clive Freedman for FNBC.

MR JUSTICE CHADWICK said that in the main action the plaintiff claimed in respect of moneys said to have been misappropriated by Dr Hashim while director general of the Arab Monetary Fund, joining FNBC both as defendants in tort and as constructive trustees of moneys paid by him to accounts held by them and under his control. FNBC had compromised by paying the plaintiff US$13,450,000 and by a notice pursuant to the Act claimed to be indemnified by Dr Hashim whose pleading by way of defence to that notice included:

(a) that the entitlement of FNBC to receive contribution, on the basis that both he and they would have been liable to the plaintiffs for the same damage, was governed by Swiss law;

(b) that FNBC were not entitled to indemnity or contribution under Swiss law and

(c) if, which was denied, the Act applied, Dr Hashim would rely on the defences (i) that the settlement was not bona fide; (ii) that Dr Hashim was not liable to the plaintiff and (iii) that even assuming the factual basis of the plaintiff's claim against them to be established, FNBC were not liable to the plaintiff for, *inter alia*, the reasons set out in their defence in the main action.

That had contained 31 pargraphs, of which at least 15 contained positive averments of fact or law, in particular, that in so far as the plaintiff's claim was based on (a) constructive trust, the alleged trust could exist only, if at all, under Swiss law, which did not recognise the concept of a trust; (b) a claim for breach of duty in relation to events in Switzerland, the plaintiff had to prove it to be actionable under the laws of England and Switzerland, but it was neither.

There had followed 12 subparagraphs particularising propositions of Swiss law, and a paragraph contending that the plaintiff was wholly or partially responsible for any damage it had suffered, which was supported by 17 paragraphs of particulars.

The main point at issue was the scope of the statutory hypothesis required by the proviso in section 1(4). Mr Page contended first, that the court was not required to assume that facts pleaded, by way of defence, by FNBC could have been successfully controverted; second, that propositions of foreign law advanced either by the plaintiff or by FNBC in the main action were not to be regarded as facts, in the context of the assumption required by the proviso.

Mr Freedman contended: first, that all facts pleaded in defence in the main action were irrelevant, the court had only to be satisfied that what was pleaded in the statement of claim sufficed to found a cause of action against FNBC; second, that propositions of foreign law were factual matters.

The purpose of the 1978 Act had been to reverse the position resulting from section 6(1)(c) of the Law Reform (Married Women and Tortfeasors) Act 1935, as explained by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Stott v West Yorkshire Roadcar Ltd* ([1971] 2QB 651, 657): a joint tortfeasor could not claim contribution unless he proved that he himself was liable.

The legislature had not adopted the recommendation in the Law Commission's Report on Contribution (1977 Law Com No 79) that "... it should be a defence ... that the compromise was not made bona fide, but not ... that the plaintiff's claim would have failed if it had not been compromised".

Order 18, rule 7(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court required a statement of claim to contain the material facts on which the plaintiff relied: so *prima facie* "the factual basis" of the claim against FNBC would include only the material facts pleaded by the plaintiff.

It had to follow that where a fact pleaded in defence was inconsistent with one of the former, the court had to assume that such inconsistent fact would not have been established. But in circumstances where it was for the defendant to establish some other fact on which his defence rested, could it be said that the negation of that other fact formed part of "the factual basis of the claim against him"?

His Lordship thought not. The proviso could not be read as if it contained the further assumption "and that the defendant would fail to establish the factual basis of any collateral defence".

As to whether propositions of foreign law, advanced in the main action, were to be treated as part of "the factual basis of the claim" in that action, the plaintiff's statement of claim had not alleged any to be relevant.

FNBC's defence had contended that Swiss law governed what took place in Switzerland; in its amended reply to FNBC's defence the plaintiff had counted that the matters of which it complained were, under Swiss law, actionable or not justifiable.

It was apposite to describe a question of foreign law as one of fact in the sense that the court had to act upon such evidence of it as was before the court (*Nelson v Bridport*, ((1845) 8 Beav 527) and *Lazard Bros v Midland Bank Ltd* ([1933] AC 289, 297-8, per Lord Wright.

But it was a fact of a special and different character: section 69(5) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

In the light of section 69(5) of the 1978 Act, the legislature must have intended that if, in a case in which the English court would apply some rule of foreign law, a defendant would be liable to a plaintiff, then he would be liable for the purposes of section 1 of that Act, whether or not he would have been in a purely domestic case.

It had to follow that the proviso should be construed in such a way that it was immaterial to any issue relevant to the defendants' liability was decided by English or by foreign law.

His Lordship concluded that propositions of foreign law which the plaintiff had advanced, and have needed to advance, in order to succeed against a person claiming contribution under section 1 of the Act, were not properly regarded as part of the factual basis of the claim against that person.

Leave was accordingly granted for Dr Hashim to amend in the light of the judgment, his reply to FNBC's notice claiming contribution under that section.

Solicitors: Landau & Allen & Overy.

Pre-trial discussion of evidence deplored

Regina v Arif

The fact that there was a pre-trial discussion of evidence between potential witnesses could not always render the evidence of such witnesses at the trial so unsafe that it ought to be excluded. While the practice was to be strongly discouraged, each case had to be dealt with on its own facts.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nolan, Mr Justice Swinton-Thomas and Mr Justice Colman) so held on May 26 in dismissing an appeal by Dogan Arif against his conviction in March 1990 at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Wales, QC and a jury) of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of cannabis.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said that in some trials it might emerge in the course of cross-examination of the witnesses concerned that such discussions might well have led to fabrication of the evidence.

In such a case the court might properly take the view that it would be unsafe to leave any of the evidence of the witnesses concerned to the jury.

There might, however, be other cases where the nature of such pre-trial discussions was such that it would be quite sufficient to the jury's attention in the c summing up the impl which such conduct might the reliability of the eviden witnesses concerned. In ca it had to be a matter for judge.

Nothing in this judgmen be taken as affording the s encouragement to the rehe the evidence of witnesses ei the Crown or the defen criminal trial, much less coaching of witnesses. Suc tices were to be strong couraged because the risk was so very great.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Black day as PW retrenches

THE first round of post-results blood-letting has begun with news of more than 100 redundancies at Price Waterhouse's management consultancy services arm. The division is making 78 staff redundant from systems solutions and 28 from practice support. The firm said it has carried out a review to find a size and structure "appropriate to the market place". As a result, the number of staff in systems solutions is being reduced "through reallocation and, regrettably, some redundancies." Price Waterhouse saw fee income decrease by 3.7 per cent to £385.7 million in the year to end-March, and management consultancy services suffered the steepest fall, declining 12.3 per cent to £86.9 million (£99.1 million). The division was the only one to suffer a decline for the second consecutive year.

Honourable CAs

HATS off to Grant Thornton's Mike Lickiss, the ICAEW's 1990-91 president, among many other usually thankless services to accountancy, who has become the profession's newest knight. A special mention too for Moore Stephens which clocked up two OBEs in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List. Gervase Hulbert, chairman of Moore Stephens International and a senior London partner, was recognised for his services to accountancy, particularly for his development work in Central and Eastern Europe. Hulbert is UK chairman of the Polish, British and Irish accountancy association. Joseph Oliver, a partner in Brussels, received recognition for promoting British business interests in Belgium. Elsewhere, Graham Stacy, director of professional standards, Price Waterhouse Europe, was appointed a CBE. He was a founder member of the Auditing Practices Committee in 1976 and in 1990 helped set up the Accounting Standards Board.

Bridger's Bunker

WHERE better for a group of lawyers and insolvency practitioners to hold a party than under 10 feet of reinforced concrete? That is precisely what happened last week when Price Waterhouse invited about 200 lawyers and regulators to celebrate the first anniversary of its litigation and special investigation services department. David Bridger, head of the department, secured what is arguably the most creditor-proof venue in London — the Cabinet War Rooms in Whitehall — and had a Winston Churchill double greeting guests at the door. Fellow hosts included David Lee, head of investigations at PW, who has been studying $1 billion in American transactions relating to Maxwell Communication Corporation.

If the cap fits

CHARTERED accountants could end up being known as FATCATS if calls to put various accountancy bodies together under one umbrella are ever implemented. A London Society of Chartered Accountants debate on designatory letters came up with "Fellow of the Association of Taxation and Chartered Accounting Technicians" — a joking reference to how nebulous such titles can become. Paul Marshall, president of the South Wales Society of Chartered Accountants, told the meeting that the issue of designatory letters could become increasingly confused.

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Dividend Gth	57.51	61.18	+0.25	4.59
Global Gth Sec	61.99	65.94	-0.10	2.62
Ethical Growth	65.41	69.61†	+0.09	2.51
High Inc Equity	150.00	159.50	+0.40	4.99
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European	81.35	86.10	-0.09	...
European Inc	77.93	82.76†	+0.02	1.81
Exempt	915.30	941.40†	+3.40	3.26
Extra Inc	43.04	46.66†	+0.21	4.95
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High Inc	381.10	407.30	+2.90	4.04
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High Yield	236.00	252.20†	+1.50	4.06
Balanced	636.50	680.40†	+2.90	2.60
American Inc	47.75	51.02	+0.81	3.14
Wld Asset Val	39.87	42.62	+0.26	1.10
Japan	201.30	214.40	-3.10	0.01
Secs of Am	401.30	426.90†	+4.00	0.56
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	314.20	334.30	+0.80	2.70
-do- Inc	222.00	236.90	+0.50	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	574.20	610.90	+1.20	3.66
-do- Inc	348.90	371.20	+0.90	3.66
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.30	185.10	+0.10	6.01
-do- Inc	91.89	97.04	+0.09	6.01
Nth America	254.00	270.30	+3.10	...
Far East	299.00	318.90	+0.50	0.30
Europe	225.20	239.60	-0.90	1.06
General Inc	426.00	453.90	+0.90	2.44
-do- Acc	469.00	497.90	+0.90	2.44
Brit Eacell	63.47	67.53†	+0.13	2.72
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.76	71.03	+0.25	4.83
Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.06	91.56	+0.32	4.83
Global Opps	72.09	76.70†	+0.51	0.08
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	250.20	263.40	+0.40	1.35
Capital Gwth	99.82	105.10	...	2.57
Worldwide Opps	148.70	156.50	..	0.62
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	106.20	113.60	-0.30	2.75
Euro Gth Inc	113.80	120.90	-0.30	1.04
Extra Inc	106.10	113.50	-0.20	4.79
General	241.00	257.80	+0.10	2.94
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.46	59.41†	-0.01	8.49
Income	486.60	522.60	+1.30	4.44
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9082				
American Gth	91.53	97.14	+0.92	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.60	125.30	+0.20	..
Convertibles	52.79	56.45†	-0.78	7.10
Eastern	196.70	200.70	+0.60	1.60
Equity Income	81.77	86.48	+0.28	6.30
European Gth	226.60	240.80	-0.40	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.70	159.70†	-0.10	1.49
Exempt	83.41	85.53	-0.13	3.60
German Growth	56.69	60.35	+0.37	0.70
Global Growth	108.10	115.20	+0.50	...
Japan Growth	200.70	215.00	-1.90	..
Japan Sunrise	174.60	186.40	-2.80	
Portfolio	117.50	125.80	+0.30	3.20
-do- Acc	209.40	224.30	+0.60	3.20
UK Growth	82.86	88.14†	-0.69	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.87	92.90	-0.26	1.90
Select Managers	63.14	67.64	-0.04	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 50 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	105.15	112.45	+0.21	1.87
-do- Inc	95.54	102.23	+0.19	1.87
Global Bond	29.09	30.86†	+0.14	5.37
High Yield Acc	53.89	57.64	+0.14	3.50
-do- Inc	39.12	41.84	+0.11	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	92.74	99.18	+0.23	1.35
-do- Inc	85.24	91.16†	+0.21	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.21	60.12	+0.88	..
-do- Inc	55.17	59.00	+0.86	..
Euro Gth Acc	100.89	107.90	-0.15	1.07
-do- Inc	99.51	106.42	-0.14	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.98	37.41	+0.18	1.29
Pacific Growth	103.50	110.69	-0.17	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	86.94	92.99	+0.61	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444-458144				
Financial	126.30	134.50	-0.10	3.11
Smaller Cos Acc	299.70	330.70	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	174.30	186.50	-0.40	1.16
High Inc	70.20	75.47†	-0.22	6.94
Income	129.00	137.00	-0.20	4.01
Mngd P folio Inc	95.24	101.40	...	1.96
-do- Acc	180.00	191.70	+0.10	...
North American	100.50	107.00	-0.80	0.20
Orient	130.90	140.90†	-0.60	...
Recovery	41.66	44.78†	...	2.50
German	40.30	43.21	-0.23	0.09
Intl Growth	33.20	35.36	-0.14	0.22
European Inc	22.03	23.72	-0.17	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.15	65.06	-0.06	1.46
-do- Acc	68.93	73.34	-0.06	1.25
Income Fund 5	213.80	227.40	+0.40	4.08
-do- Acc	497.40	529.10	+0.90	4.14
Inv Portfolio	67.46	69.91	-0.01	2.15
-do- Acc	76.18	78.95	-0.01	2.07
Smaller Cos	128.40	136.60	...	1.66
-do- Acc	154.20	164.10	...	1.52
High Inc P'lio	60.73	62.94	+0.11	4.59
BURRAGIUNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 721				
Str Gilt Fund	66.02	66.92	+0.01	5.81
CIS UNIMANAGERS LTD PO Box , Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5				
Environ	135.30	144.00†	+0.30	1.71
UK Grow	147.70	157.20	+0.30	2.07
UK Inco	123.30	131.20	+0.40	4.11
CANN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olym Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902				
SE Asia	85.89	92.36	+1.97	0.99
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Incom	54.36	58.14	+0.03	4.13
Far Ea	48.77	52.44	+0.11	...
North American	83.28	89.56	+0.06	...
Global	84.31	90.17	+0.16	0.73
European	70.62	75.53	-0.20	1.18
Japan	114.70	122.70	-0.80	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	58.99	62.52	+0.16	5.13
UK Cap Gwth	79.69	85.23	+0.13	1.97
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-do- Acc	136.20	144.90	+1.30	0.22
European	65.87	69.78	+0.06	0.77
-do- Acc	68.28	72.33	+0.07	0.77
Far East Gen	66.91	71.19	-0.53	...
-do- Acc	66.91	71.19	-0.53	...
Glenfriars	255.10	271.40	-1.00	0.68
-do- Acc	287.20	305.60	-1.00	0.68
Growth	381.30	407.90	+0.40	2.24
-do- Acc	652.80	698.20	+0.70	2.24
Income Growth	377.90	402.10	+1.10	3.78
-do- Acc	502.50	534.60	+1.40	3.78
Master Portfolio	9471.0	9822.0	+56.00	2.24
-do- Acc	10960.0	11367.0	+65.00	2.24
Special Sits	87.52	92.90	+1.03	2.21
-do- Acc	102.19	108.72	+1.23	2.21
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1199.0	1237.0†	+3.00	4.35
-do- Acc	1415.0	1459.0	+3.00	4.35
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	191.70	204.20	+2.90	1.62
Capital	532.80	568.60	+0.90	2.39
Eurotrack 100	129.90	138.30	+0.40	1.49
Euro Gth	81.01	86.38	-0.23	1.30
Far East Growth	92.84	99.08	+0.37	0.07
Global Bond	23.88	25.16	+0.14	5.95
Hong Kong	85.33	91.06	+1.67	0.76
Income	502.80	536.60	-1.70	3.93
Intl Growth	74.09	79.07†	-0.15	0.99
Japan Growth	277.30	295.90	-1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.59	37.98	-0.35	...
Japan Index	80.89	86.32	-0.35	0.22
Nth American	436.90	466.20	+9.00	0.47
S pore Mly Gth	55.82	59.57†	+1.93	...
The Footsie Fd	107.00	112.90†	+0.40	2.72
Tiger Index	142.60	152.10	+1.80	0.61
Triste Index	106.00	113.10	-0.20	2.54
UK Index	124.50	132.80	+0.50	2.93
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	83.16	88.89†	+1.10	1.00
European P folio	73.10	77.74	+0.17	1.38
Japanese P folio	66.55	70.71	-1.18	...
Pacific P folio	101.13	108.75†	+0.91	1.11
Cazenove P folio	71.68	76.67	+0.09	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.29	67.90	+0.04	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.06	50.74	+0.24	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.90	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	62.87	66.18	..	2.28
Beckman Intl	81.44	85.97	+1.20	3.08
Friars Hse Inc	178.61	192.05†	...	6.06
Friars Hse Cap	246.16	264.69	...	2.75
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 661 2222. Dealing: 081 686 4818				
Smaller Cos	36.05	38.35	-0.01	1.84
-do- Acc	40.62	43.21	...	1.84
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	56.99	60.95	+0.05	0.24
-do- Acc	59.37	63.50	+0.05	0.24
Quilter	123.05	130.90	+0.16	2.50
-do- Acc	136.66	145.38	+0.18	2.50
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.30	92.30	+0.01	5.03
-do- Acc	92.30	92.30	+0.01	5.03
Fixed Conv	40.72	43.32†	+0.62	6.71
-do- Acc	107.95	114.84	-1.65	6.71
Preference	46.29	49.24	-1.29	7.36
-do- Acc	237.45	252.61	-6.63	7.36
PPT Europe	148.87	158.37	-0.50	1.07
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.08	50.09	+0.04	7.97
PPT Global Bond	84.84	90.19	+0.56	5.49
PPT Gold Com	56.21	59.80	+1.82	...
PPT Oriental Gth	57.85	61.54	+0.50	0.25
PPT Far East Gth	106.68	113.49	+0.03	0.12
PPT High Yield	117.96	125.49	+0.25	4.59
-do- Acc	453.85	482.82	+0.98	4.59
PPT Managed	61.57	65.50	+0.09	3.40
-do- Acc	75.27	80.07	+0.10	3.40
PPT UK General	68.59	72.96	+0.10	2.53
-do- Acc	83.24	88.56	+0.12	2.53
PPT Equity Inc	143.72	152.89	+0.04	3.64
-do- Acc	461.34	490.79	+0.15	3.64
PPT Japan	118.10	125.64	-1.07	...
PPT N Amer	146.97	156.35	+1.60	0.08
PPT UK Gth	118.00	125.53	+0.18	2.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	83.48	88.81	+0.69	0.89
Japanese Acc	67.73	67.80	-1.05	...
UK Balncd Inc	126.20	134.30†	-0.10	2.50
-do- Acc	149.00	158.50†	-0.10	2.50
UK Growth Acc	206.80	220.00†	-0.20	2.19
UK High Inc	132.40	140.90†	+0.20	6.74
-do- Acc	160.30	170.50†	+0.20	6.74
N America Acc	109.80	116.80	+0.60	0.33
European Acc	154.00	163.80	-0.50	0.43
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.43	63.03†	-0.01	8.97
-do- Acc	97.47	103.40†	...	8.97
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.02	51.09	-0.15	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.90	75.43	-0.12	1.74
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	110.20	117.10	+1.90	0.43
UK Smlr Cos	200.80	213.10†	+0.40	1.17
Eurofund	37.66	39.87	+0.06	1.00
Mngd Exempt	165.40	172.40	-0.30	3.05
Growth Inc	213.80	227.20	+0.05	3.74
High Dist	141.10	149.90†	+0.50	5.17
International	320.00	340.00	-1.50	0.96
Intl Income	81.03	86.30	+0.45	3.00
Pacific	59.63	63.36	+0.58	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	74.15	78.78	-0.71	...
Tokyo	208.40	221.40	-1.40	...
Japan Exempt	119.90	123.10	-6.60	0.41
Sm Jap Exempt	626.10	643.30	+15.70	0.08
Equity Income	120.30	127.70	+0.40	3.99
Formerly Target				
American Eagle				
Australia	6.824	7.246	+0.128	1.08
Euro Spec Sits	139.30	147.40	-0.50	0.55
Financial	40.68	43.22	+0.26	2.77
Global Opps Inc	88.43	93.06	+0.68	2.13
-do- Acc	91.86	97.39	+0.70	2.13
Gold Gen Inc	48.77	51.82	+1.79	0.83
-do- Acc	93.62	99.47	+3.44	0.83
Income	119.70	127.20†	...	4.01
Japan General	161.80	171.90	-0.80	...
Preference	21.66	23.00†	+0.03	7.90
UK Capital	103.50	110.00	+0.20	3.06
Worldwide Cap	197.60	210.00	+0.90	3.06
World Income	84.36	89.01	+0.62	3.32
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	177.40	188.70	...	1.06
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	105.16	110.69	-0.29	3.14
High Income	120.25	126.58†	+0.43	4.74
Tst of Inv Tsts	147.59	155.32	+0.58	1.95
Special Sits	86.15	90.68	+0.17	2.49
North American	102.21	107.59	+0.63	0.83
Far Eastern	251.32	264.55	+1.17	1.47
Intl Growth	94.83	99.82	+1.10	1.39
European	63.18	66.51†	+0.37	2.18
Smaller Cos	70.20	73.89	+0.02	2.21
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE. 0273 720 707				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	122.60	130.40	-0.60	...
High Income	25.26	26.58†	+0.03	5.64
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	92.94	98.34	-0.45	0.75
Far Eastern	138.90	148.30	+0.10	...
Oseas Income	87.48	93.60†	+1.02	2.29
UK Growth	94.53	101.10	+0.30	0.96
UK Income	100.20	107.20†	+0.60	3.54
US Smaller Cos	246.70	263.90	+4.10	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.17	51.26	+0.36	...
-do- Acc	48.17	51.26	+0.36	...
Am Smllr Co	420.30	449.40	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	429.40	459.20	+4.50	...
Capital	292.00	310.60	-0.40	2.03
-do- Acc	406.60	432.50	-0.50	2.03
Contl Smllr Cos	47.45	50.99†	-0.16	0.79
-do- Acc	49.59	53.29†	-0.17	0.79
Convertible	113.80	120.90	+0.30	6.05
-do- Acc	216.10	229.60	+0.70	6.06
Emg Mark	51.95	55.50	+0.36	...
-do- Acc	51.95	55.50	+0.36	...
European	95.71	102.10†	-0.10	0.95
-do- Acc	99.55	106.20†	-0.10	0.95
Extra Income	296.40	315.20	+0.10	3.99
-do- Acc	415.10	441.50	+0.30	3.99
Financial	104.00	111.60	+0.80	0.66
-do- Acc	108.90	116.80	+0.80	0.66
Gilt Gth Tst	60.95	62.85	+0.11	6.93
-do- Acc	78.75	81.21	+0.15	6.93
Health Fund Inc	117.90	125.90	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	117.90	125.90	+1.20	...
Income Tst	179.60	191.00†	+0.60	3.86
-do- Acc	254.90	270.70†	+0.90	3.86
Intl Growth	313.70	335.20	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	348.30	372.20	-0.70	...
Japan Gen	181.80	193.90	-3.10	...
-do- Acc	183.60	195.90	-3.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	90.55	95.31	-0.05	0.91
-do- Acc	95.20	100.20	...	0.91
Monthly Income	153.30	163.00	+0.20	3.95
Only Inc	48.91	52.02†	+0.07	5.87
-do- Acc	49.02	52.14†	+0.06	5.87
Recovery	290.00	310.10	-0.50	0.62
-do- Acc	339.70	363.20	-0.60	0.62
UK Growth	46.87	50.08	+0.04	2.58
-do- Acc	46.87	50.08	+0.04	2.58
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411422				
Equity Dist	347.46	369.64†	+0.52	2.69
-do- Acc	709.51	754.80†	+1.05	2.69
Euro Gth Dist	106.13	112.90	-0.27	1.06
-do- Acc	109.29	116.27	-0.29	1.06
Fixed Int Dist	129.40	135.82†	+0.07	6.45
-do- Acc	218.46	231.08†	+0.13	6.45
Intl Gth Dist	77.08	82.00†	+0.07	0.78
-do- Acc	80.01	85.12†	+0.07	0.78
Nth Amer Dist	165.14	174.94	-1.71	0.88
-do- Acc	179.09	189.71	-1.84	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	251.32	267.36	-0.12	0.08
-do- Acc	255.29	271.58	-0.12	0.08
Stewardship Dist	301.81	321.07†	+0.14	1.73
-do- Acc	359.88	382.85†	+0.18	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	64.55	68.67†	+0.15	3.17
-do- Acc	79.85	84.95†	+0.19	3.17
N Am Stwd Dist	97.06	103.26	+1.16	..
-do- Acc	102.69	109.24	+1.23	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dlling: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.20	150.00	+2.00	...
European	407.20	432.50	+0.30	0.98
Far East General	227.20	242.50	-0.80	0.30
Germany	96.21	102.00	...	0.45
Global Assets In	68.74	73.41†	+0.16	2.20
Global Assets Ac	72.69	77.62	+0.17	2.15
Income Inc	123.20	131.60	+0.10	6.68
International	269.90	288.60	-0.50	0.97
Intl Income	75.46	80.37†	+0.58	4.96
Japan General	376.80	400.60	+0.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.48	50.79	-0.04	5.98
UK Capital Inc	170.10	182.00	...	3.80
-do- Acc	291.10	311.40	...	3.60
UK Spec Sits	77.11	82.47	...	1.54
US General	114.90	122.00†	+0.70	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	114.80	122.60	-0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.98	47.04	-0.02	1.53
Cash Trust*	128.99	128.99	+0.02	4.94
Pract Inv Inc	103.46	110.95	+0.23	4.08
-do- Acc	222.10	238.18	+0.49	4.08
UK Smaller Cos	105.14	112.75	+0.61	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.66	27.43	+0.30	7.91
High Inc	31.70	33.90†	+0.06	4.90
UK Equity Inc	128.43	137.36	-0.11	3.92
Global Bond	29.51	30.58†	-0.03	4.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	81.01	86.87†	-1.62	0.67
Frontier Markets	41.84	44.87	+0.58	0.49
Global Inc Gth	118.92	126.88	+0.72	1.88
UK Intl	112.67	120.50†	+0.71	0.24
Overseas Funds				
American	126.75	135.36†	+0.81	0.49
European	61.92	86.87	+0.25	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	95.82	102.21	+0.24	0.89
American Emerg	80.44	86.56	+1.39	...
Hong Kong	119.87	128.55	+1.40	1.80
Japan	228.48	243.70	-2.57	...
Pacific Growth	160.31	171.91†	+1.05	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	127.31	136.16	+0.06	0.37
American Gth	125.28	133.99	+2.09	...
European Gth	66.05	70.64	-0.10	0.42
Japan Gth	80.24	85.80	-1.18	...
Pacific Inc	145.31	155.42	+0.27	2.85
Pacific Strategy	127.22	136.07	+0.15	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.71	75.58†	+0.47	4.01
Gt British Cos	47.56	50.20†	-0.15	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.96	48.09	-0.18	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.30	131.30	...	4.80
Gilt Fixed	119.50	126.90	...	6.16
Growth Equity	286.60	306.10†	...	2.17
Guardhill	426.80	455.90	...	2.21
Income Trust	111.10	118.60	...	3.00
International	156.10	166.70	...	0.36
Japan Trust	127.40	136.10	...	...
Nth American	246.10	262.90	...	0.49
Pacific	366.90	391.90	...	...
European	340.80	364.00†	...	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 833865				
Global Adv Inc	35.26	37.38	-0.20	1.66
-do- Acc	36.91	39.13	-0.20	1.66
Inc Adv Inc	29.34	31.11†	-0.10	4.04
-do- Acc	30.79	32.64	-0.10	4.04
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	79.05	84.68	+1.05	1.22
Equity Income	112.00	119.10†	+0.40	3.47
European	129.70	137.40	-0.20	1.23
Intl Situation	74.39	79.14†	-0.10	...
Japanese	145.90	154.80	-2.20	...
North American	94.15	99.89†	+0.25	...
Scandinavian	111.80	118.20	+0.30	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.69	32.65	-0.02	2.02
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET. Enq: 0277 263280 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	86.96	92.96	+0.54	..
Asian Enterprise	130.73	141.06†	+0.44	0.56
Australian	134.57	143.85	+3.73	1.37
European	368.19	389.75	+1.04	1.30
European Inc	70.88	74.94	+0.12	2.92
Euro Smi Co	120.00	128.18	+0.30	0.55
Extra Income	257.25	273.86†	+0.42	4.86
Family of Funds	70.65	75.40	-0.24	1.23
Fixed Interest	54.78	58.58†	+0.01	7.64
Global Resour	103.00	110.57	+1.75	0.75
High Inc	291.31	311.41	+0.47	4.26
Income Gth	235.73	251.05†	+1.02	3.59
-do- Acc	609.24	648.84†	+2.66	3.59
International	228.74	244.22	+1.99	0.94
Japan Spc Sit	244.82	260.46	-4.09	...
Japan	210.45	223.80	-3.00	...
N Amer	216.30	230.15	+1.90	0.25
Pacific Smllr Cos	194.63	210.17	-0.06	0.27
Pref Gth	45.95	49.62	+0.08	8.51
Smaller Cos Div	168.57	183.74	-0.12	3.74
Special Sits	261.07	279.34	+0.36	1.71
-do- Acc	402.28	430.43	+0.54	1.71
Best of British	55.32	59.21†	+0.15	2.58
Spirit of the East	60.94	65.43	+0.50	1.35
Henderson TR. Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	78.29	83.73	+1.05	..
Euro Spec Sits	45.95	48.88	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	48.66	51.75	+0.20	...
Far East Opps	32.67	35.37†	+0.13	...
-do- Acc	33.72	36.50	+0.13	...
General Growth	98.52	105.40	+0.16	2.00
Global Tech	121.62	131.65†	+1.08	...
Income Growth	102.75	110.50	+0.12	3.38
Income Monthly	57.03	60.99	+0.09	4.23
Japan Growth	84.21	89.64†	-1.32	...
Overseas Gth	76.51	81.40†	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos	75.17	80.83	+0.07	1.52
Special Opps	104.47	112.33	+0.48	2.07
Wld Spec Sits	49.30	52.81	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	49.41	52.94	+0.14	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	86.66	92.68†	+0.30	2.26
Capital	156.10	166.90	+1.80	1.88
Dollar	302.00	322.90	+3.30	0.03
European	198.70	212.50	-0.80	0.63
Far East	240.70	257.40	+3.40	0.27
Financial	697.50	745.90	+3.20	1.97
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.56	26.55	+0.10	7.83
High Yield	99.96	106.90†	+0.40	4.58
Income	133.50	142.70	+0.60	3.45
Intl	214.00	228.80	+1.10	0.31
Japan Tech	72.59	77.63	-0.57	...
Nat Resources	59.54	63.67	+1.54	0.47
Security	295.10	315.60	+0.80	1.97
Smaller Cos	110.60	118.20	...	1.26
Special Sits	136.80	146.30	+0.40	1.62
US Smaller Cos	66.16	70.75†	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.15	27.57	+0.07	1.50
Special Features	27.10	28.79	+0.14	1.62
-do- Acc	32.00	33.99	+0.15	1.62
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.00	56.67†	+0.06	1.89
Assets Earnings	70.62	75.03	+0.17	1.89
do Acc	82.99	88.17	+0.20	1.89
Managed Invest	87.37	93.31	+0.06	1.18
Rupert Children	75.05	80.01	+0.16	1.81
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.69	50.69	+0.01	4.41
Extra Inc	78.80	84.32	+0.03	4.82
Gilt	27.07	28.52†	-0.80	6.92
Income Gth	38.52	41.15	+0.01	3.42
MIMstar	75.58	77.24	+0.14	7.95
Preference	17.55	19.24†	+0.01	6.22
UK Income	308.20	329.40	+0.70	2.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	56.78	60.32†	+0.34	1.25
Property Shares	63.80	68.65	+0.18	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	143.00	150.30†	+0.40	3.72
European Acc	111.40	118.00	+0.60	1.78
European Dist	106.10	112.30	+0.50	1.78
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.98	51.07	+0.45	0.92
European Perf	110.00	116.80	+0.50	1.03
-do- Acc	112.10	118.90	+0.40	1.04
Euro Small Cos	21.24	22.61	+0.14	0.74
French Growth	65.01	69.23	+0.31	0.53
-do- Acc	69.45	73.96	+0.33	0.53
Hong K/China	73.56	79.06	+0.67	1.57
Ind Growth	51.54	54.76	-0.02	0.64
-do- Acc	51.54	54.76	-0.02	0.64
Japan Perf	35.38	37.58†	-0.49	...
Accum Units	35.38	37.58†	-0.49	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.81	40.20	-0.59	...
Singapore Asean	81.30	87.98	+0.01	0.28
-do- Acc	81.80	88.52	...	0.28
South East Asia	239.40	257.60	+2.00	0.93
US Smllr Cos	100.50	106.70†	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	101.60	107.90†	+0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.06	88.45†	-0.44	2.20
Intl Bond	57.45	58.21	+0.35	6.25
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7351				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.85	69.89	...	4.94
Extra Income	51.52	54.81†	-0.55	7.05
Gilt Yield	116.80	123.20†	+0.10	7.34
Global Income	197.20	209.80†	+1.49	4.18
High Yield	133.10	141.60	...	5.84
Smllr Cos Div	48.01	51.07†	-0.02	4.11
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.16	93.79	+1.38	...
North American	74.50	79.26†	-1.29	0.43
European	129.30	137.60†	-1.50	1.63
Euro Special	76.99	81.90	+0.10	0.94
General	262.30	279.00	+0.70	3.20
Japan	442.40	470.60	-2.00	...
Japanese Special	245.40	261.10	-3.00	...
Master Acc	215.00	228.70	+0.70	1.35
Pacific	269.60	286.80	+2.70	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.56	104.90†	+0.02	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.27	38.58	+0.19	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	72.28	76.89	-0.58	1.03
Extra Income	23.75	25.27	-0.12	3.34
Far East	22.60	23.36	+0.02	0.86
Income Gwth	72.43	77.05	+0.08	2.77
Intl Growth	51.46	54.74	+0.11	0.68
Japan	66.10	70.32	-0.64	...
Maximum Dist*	100.00	102.00†	-0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	37.81	40.22	+0.35	0.27
UK Equity	86.45	91.97†	+0.19	2.94
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.20	56.60	+0.07	4.42
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 222300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	423.80	450.90	+1.30	2.34
Equity Acc	804.50	855.80	+2.10	2.34
Equity Income	91.31	97.14	+0.24	4.79
European	94.09	101.10	+0.40	1.29
Far Eastern	185.00	196.80	-0.40	...
Fixed Interest	51.25	54.52†	...	6.40
Gilt	89.73	95.15	...	6.46
Global Growth	65.94	70.15†	+0.08	0.46
Intl Bond	56.45	60.05	+0.32	4.73
Japanese	71.89	76.48	-0.96	...
Overseas Equity	94.61	100.60†	...	0.05
Pacific Gth	87.03	92.59	+0.41	0.45
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834323				
Balanced	310.30	330.20	...	2.88
-do- Acc	681.70	725.30	...	2.88
Contl Euro Gth	50.13	52.77	...	1.47
-do- Acc	53.02	55.82	...	1.47
Extra Inc	237.50	252.70	...	3.84
-do- Acc	587.40	624.90	...	3.84
German Gth	100.50	105.80	...	0.28
-do- Acc	105.40	111.00	...	0.28
Growth Port	486.90	518.00	...	0.96
-do- Acc	486.90	518.00	...	0.96
Income	446.60	475.20	...	3.54
-do- Acc	1145.0	1219.0	...	3.54
Income Port	485.30	516.30	...	4.20
-do- Acc	490.00	521.30	...	4.20
Japan Growth	99.33	105.70	...	0.01
-do- Acc	99.68	106.10	...	0.01
Master Trust	51.78	55.09	...	1.44
-do- Acc	56.31	59.91	...	1.44
N American Gen	178.10	189.50	...	0.01
-do- Acc	205.20	218.90	...	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.00	143.70	...	0.01
-do- Acc	137.80	146.60	...	0.01
Pacific Basin	205.00	218.10	...	0.50
-do- Acc	216.70	230.60	...	0.50
Small Cos Rec	304.60	320.70	...	2.17
-do- Acc	396.60	417.50	...	2.17
UK Growth	77.22	82.21	...	2.34
-do- Acc	90.10	95.86	...	2.34
Worldwide Gth	275.70	293.30†	...	0.18
-do- Acc	406.50	432.50	...	0.18
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	76.82	82.42†	+0.05	2.80
Income	60.24	64.64	+0.21	5.30
International	56.67	60.80†	+0.11	0.70
American	58.42	62.68	+0.05	0.30
Japan	54.68	58.67	-0.91	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.40	60.52	-0.06	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	381.80	403.10	+3.80	0.87
-do- Acc	471.10	497.40	-4.70	0.87
American Rec	404.80	428.10†	+3.30	0.22
-do- Acc	463.90	490.50	+3.70	0.22
Am Sm Co Acc	118.20	125.10	+1.70	...
Australia Acc	154.40	163.20	+3.30	1.17
Capital	667.00	705.30	+0.50	2.44
-do- Acc	736.00	778.20	+0.50	2.44
Commodity Acc	423.60	446.00	+2.80	0.81
Compnd Gth	814.40	861.20	-0.40	2.87
Dividend	35.30	37.20†	...	4.09
-do- Acc	139.40	147.40	...	4.09
Equity Inc	301.30	318.60	-0.10	4.69
European Div	59.60	63.00	...	4.32
-do- Acc	67.40	71.20	...	4.32
European Gen	381.60	403.50	-2.50	1.17
-do- Acc	476.70	504.10	-3.10	1.17
Extra Yield	376.50	398.20	-0.70	4.29
-do- Acc	1100.9	1164.5	-1.80	4.29
Far Eastern	304.90	322.40	+1.20	0.24
-do- Acc	401.10	424.10	+1.60	0.24
Fund of Inv	503.10	532.00†	...	2.15
-do- Acc	917.60	970.40	...	2.15
General	53.70	56.80	-0.10	3.52
-do- Acc	141.60	149.70	-0.30	3.52
Gilt Fxd Int	61.10	61.10†	...	7.75
do Acc	153.40	153.70	...	7.75
Gold	51.70	54.70	+1.90	0.97
-do- Acc	60.40	64.00	+2.20	0.97
High Inc	24.70	26.10†	...	4.47
-do- Acc	93.50	98.90	-0.10	4.47
Intl Growth	68.10	72.00	...	0.86
-do- Acc	117.40	124.20	...	0.86
Intl Inc	93.10	98.50	+0.70	4.58
Japan Gen Acc	51.00	53.90	-0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	151.80	160.60	-3.70	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	-0.10	3.22
-do- Acc	177.30	187.70	-0.20	3.22
Recovery	36.80	38.90	...	2.60
-do- Acc	57.90	61.10	-0.10	2.60
Second Gen	61.80	65.40	-0.10	3.38
-do- Acc	151.20	159.90	-0.30	3.38
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00	...	3.04
-do- Acc	114.60	121.40	+0.10	3.04
Trustee	38.90	41.10	-0.10	3.80
Charibond 3	£110.50	...	...	9.76
Charifund 2	632.20	638.60	+0.10	5.13
Pension ex 1	832.10	852.90	+7.30	4.27
NAACIP Inc 3	345.43	...	...	7.86
-do- Acc 3	£1100.2	...	+1.30	7.86
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Intl Port Inc	136.30	145.70	+0.28	1.99
-do- Acc	151.30	161.80	+0.28	1.99
UK Income	113.10	120.90†	+0.25	2.62
-do- Acc	127.80	136.70†	+0.25	2.62
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	82.40	88.12	+0.74	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	136.50	144.90†	+0.50	0.63
Income Growth	71.60	76.00†	+0.89	3.06
European	65.98	70.04	-0.52	1.29
Nth American	56.37	59.84†	+1.53	1.02
UK Growth	75.82	80.48	-0.15	1.60
Intl Growth	94.39	100.20	...	0.65
Charities	106.40	112.60†	-0.10	3.77
Intl Income	66.88	70.99†	+0.08	4.25
Japan	53.65	56.95	-0.72	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	182.80	194.20	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	195.70	207.50	+2.30	...
Cash	100.70	100.70	...	5.58
-do- Acc	129.60	129.60	...	5.58
European Gth	190.20	201.80	+0.40	0.79
-do- Acc	203.60	215.90	+0.20	0.79
General	459.00	489.70	-0.20	2.47
-do- Acc	873.20	931.50	-0.30	2.47
Global Dist	130.70	137.40	+0.40	5.31
-do- Acc	146.30	153.80	+0.50	5.31
Income	135.10	144.20†	...	4.73
-do- Acc	199.40	212.70†	...	4.73
International	381.40	406.40†	-0.50	0.69
-do- Acc	507.20	540.50†	+0.70	0.69
Japan	184.50	195.80	-3.40	...
-do- Acc	200.90	200.90	-3.60	...
New Europe	138.40	147.70	+0.10	1.76
-do- Acc	140.70	150.10	+0.10	1.76
Recovery	291.60	311.40†	-0.10	2.88
-do- Acc	366.80	393.40†	...	2.88
European Inc	72.71	77.19†	-0.09	3.16
-do- Acc	93.98	99.75†	+0.57	3.16
Brit Blue Chip	71.51	76.16	-0.09	3.31
-do- Acc	84.34	89.82	-0.11	3.31
Portfolio	73.31	78.01	+0.03	2.90
-do- Acc	83.26	88.70	+0.03	2.90
Gold General	115.20	123.90	+5.90	0.76
-do- Acc	117.80	126.70	-7.10	0.76
Pacific	93.62	98.87	+0.60	0.84
-do- Acc	99.00	105.60	+0.80	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.80	56.32	-0.06	1.93
-do- Acc	58.92	62.85	-0.06	1.93
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 280. Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	56.85	60.80	+0.08	2.92
-do- Acc	57.73	61.74	+0.08	2.92
British Dist	76.35	81.66	+0.07	2.05
-do- Acc	86.43	92.44	+0.08	2.05
European Gth	167.40	178.80†	+0.60	0.48
-do- Acc	210.20	224.50	+0.80	0.48
Extra High Inc	68.12	72.86	+0.09	6.10
-do- Acc	119.80	128.10	+0.10	6.10
FT-SE 100 Index	48.37	51.73	+0.18	2.70
-do- Acc	48.37	51.73	+0.18	2.70
Gilt Fixed Int	55.10	57.38†	+0.02	6.87
-do- Acc	147.00	153.10	+0.10	6.87
High Yield	211.90	226.60	-2.60	4.84
-do- Acc	497.80	532.10	-5.90	4.84
Income	276.90	296.20	+0.30	3.38
-do- Acc	575.70	615.70	+0.60	3.38
Japan Gth	345.10	369.10	-5.00	...
-do- Acc	364.20	389.50	-5.40	...
Mandarin Acc	98.48	105.30	+1.00	0.70
North American	161.30	172.50†	+1.60	0.45
-do- Acc	203.50	217.60	+1.90	0.45
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	255.90	272.30	+0.30	...
Deposit Inc	99.97	99.97†	+0.01	4.85
Deposit Acc	122.64	122.64†	+0.01	4.85
Euro Gth Acc	277.20	296.40†	-0.60	...
Europa	123.50	132.50	-0.30	...
Intl Gth	168.00	179.80†	-0.50	...
Japan Tracker	78.18	83.83†	-1.07	...
UK Equity Inc	148.50	157.80†	+0.30	4.16
-do- Acc	179.60	193.50†	+0.40	4.16
UK Ind Tracker	142.40	152.40	+0.10	3.16
US Eq Ind Trkr	188.00	199.40	+1.00	1.45
-do- Acc	198.90	211.00	+1.10	1.45
Asian Trader	160.80	174.40†	+1.00	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	162.80	166.80	+1.90	2.29
European	60.23	61.59	-0.04	1.59
Olympiad	54.37	55.71	-0.01	0.33
Global Bond	47.07	47.60†	+0.12	6.65
Smaller Cos	66.65	69.70†	-0.08	0.91
Equity Income	90.72	93.15†	+0.32	5.19
UK Growth	81.81	84.23	...	2.12
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.52	48.55	+0.46	1.01
Australian Acc	287.60	308.50	+4.30	...
Conscience	62.90	67.12†	+1.19	1.06
-do- Acc	67.88	72.44	+1.28	1.06
European	165.20	176.10	+0.30	1.10
-do- Acc	177.70	189.50	+0.30	1.10
Extra Income	71.46	76.26	+0.10	5.82
-do- Acc	108.80	116.10	+0.10	5.82
Far East Gth	166.80	178.30	-1.60	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.91	61.30	+0.06	6.33
Gold	42.12	45.29	+1.72	...
-do- Acc	45.36	48.77	+1.85	...
Income	50.95	54.34†	+0.08	5.17
-do- Acc	155.90	166.20	+0.20	5.17
International	29.16	31.28	+0.04	1.05
-do- Acc	41.89	44.94	+0.06	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	343	365.80	-7.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	187.70	201.20	+5.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.89	26.76†	-0.01	2.06
Special Sits	31.97	34.37	+0.03	1.80
-do- Acc	36.82	39.59	+0.04	1.80
Tokyo	86.49	92.25	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	87.37	93.19	-0.80	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	67.49	71.80	+0.10	2.74
N&P Glt Fxd Int	73.90	78.21	+0.52	6.63
N&P Higher Inc	191.10	205.30	+0.30	4.58
N&P UK Income	99.69	106.06†	+0.16	3.88
N&P Intl	85.68	91.15	+0.35	1.59
N&P Smaller Cos	76.58	81.47	-0.17	1.46
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	162.86	173.26	+0.17	2.33
Global	284.35	302.50	+0.42	1.14
Growth	107.72	114.60	+0.16	2.55
Income	200.06	212.83	+0.39	4.40
Intl Bond	126.53	134.36	+0.37	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626877				
Growth	135.80	142.90†	+0.10	2.58
-do- Acc	240.70	253.30	+0.20	2.58
Income	217.00	230.80	+0.60	3.57
Intl Equity	220.80	234.90	-0.80	0.88
-do- Acc	241.70	257.10	-0.70	0.88
Equity	213.50	227.00†	-0.30	2.47
-do- Acc	438.20	466.10	+0.70	2.47
UK Ind 25 Acc	68.72	73.11	+0.02	1.97
UK Income	60.17	64.00	+0.13	3.07
UK Smllr Co Acc	74.08	78.81	+0.03	1.43
New Europe Acc	60.47	64.33	-0.12	1.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417080				
Asian Smllr Mkt	96.44	103.15	+1.53	0.20
PEP Gth Inc	100.36	107.34	+0.03	1.22
Intl Gth	484.79	518.50	+3.98	0.63
Income	299.23	320.04	+0.12	3.46
W'wide Recov	309.01	330.50	+0.67	0.27
American Gth	202.43	216.51	+2.51	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	185.57	198.48	+0.69	0.08
Far East Gth	218.73	233.94	+0.86	0.07
European Gth	110.01	116.30	-0.74	1.28
UK Growth	76.08	81.37	-0.27	1.00
High Income	83.49	89.30	-0.38	4.52
Japanese Gth	220.81	234.85	-1.70	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	172.30	183.20	+0.30	0.86
High Income	107.30	114.40	...	3.74
Conv Gilt	108.80	115.70†	+0.10	6.17
Far East	309.50	329.30	+2.00	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.17	33.16	+0.09	3.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Seasons Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674251				
American	50.29	53.50	+0.59	0.30
Emerging Mkts	63.37	67.41	+0.44	0.56
General	46.75	49.73†	+0.10	3.23
International	82.38	87.64	+0.24	1.37
Gilt Units	25.16	25.94†	+0.01	7.43
Global PBP	34.55	36.76	...	2.11
Income Gth	64.45	68.50†	+0.03	4.78
European	41.74	44.40	+0.08	0.68
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.05	26.65†	-0.01	5.86
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490. Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314. Pricebanks 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.08	33.24	+0.07	1.89
Pru Cab Hvn Inc	101.23	101.23†	+0.01	5.19
-do- Acc	105.36	105.36†	+0.01	5.19
Pru Equity	651.56	696.85	+2.25	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	77.44	82.82	+0.21	4.74
Pru European	169.84	181.64†	+0.44	1.34
Pru Global Gth	78.92	84.40	+0.22	1.27
Pru High Inc	82.97	88.73†	+0.40	4.97
Pru Intl	160.29	171.43	+0.21	0.90
Pru Intl Sm Co	68.70	73.47	+0.04	0.66
Pru Japanese	202.27	216.33	-2.85	...
Pru Nth Amer	137.67	147.24†	+1.42	0.85
Pru Pacific Mkt	76.60	81.92	+0.64	1.33
Pru Prmr Inc	48.86	50.89	...	7.52
Pru Smllr Cos	82.26	87.97†	+0.04	2.05
Pru Spec Sits	97.80	104.59	+0.36	2.30
Pru UK Growth	109.06	116.64	+0.40	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	151.36	163.06†	+0.62	3.80
NC Japan	276.12	295.86	-4.50	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.98	97.83†	+0.07	2.53
NC America Inc	469.01	503.03	+5.81	0.75
-do- Acc	544.76	584.27	+6.75	0.75
NC Smlr UK Cos	266.83	290.55	-0.12	1.50
NC European	246.10	264.91	-0.85	1.41
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.73	75.24	+0.78	3.75
Capital Units	142.80	151.90†	-0.30	1.29
Commodity	101.00	107.40	+1.90	1.21
European Gth	150.80	160.40	-0.90	1.33
Financial Sec	171.70	182.60†	+0.60	1.84
High Return	214.50	228.10	...	4.39
High Yield	202.70	215.60	-0.20	4.05
Income Units	108.30	115.20	-0.10	4.97
Investment	176.20	187.50	+0.80	1.28
Japan Gth	156.40	166.30	-2.40	...
Japan Smaller	187.90	199.80†	-4.80	...
Masterfund	46.75	49.73†	+0.63	1.28
Scotbits	250.60	266.50	+0.80	1.55
Scotshares	258.40	274.80†	-0.50	2.24
Scotyields	221.90	236.00	+0.19	3.92
Select Intl	127.40	135.50	+0.30	0.42
Smaller Cos	228.60	243.10	...	3.96
Special Situation	109.40	116.50†	+0.20	0.83
UK Equity	224.20	238.40	+0.80	2.66
US Growth	135.80	144.40	+1.60	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	231.46	246.80†	+2.15	0.50
-do- Acc	250.78	267.30	+2.35	0.50
Australian	124.23	132.51	+2.34	0.91
-do- Acc	148.05	158.79	+2.75	0.91
UK Enterprise	211.38	225.47	+1.09	2.35
-do- Acc	244.19	260.46	+1.19	2.35
European Gth	60.26	64.09†	-0.01	1.51
-do- Acc	62.59	66.57	-0.01	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	55.38	58.97†	-0.02	0.43
-do- Acc	55.76	59.37	-0.02	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	72.30	77.12	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	73.47	78.36	+0.47	...
Fixed Interest	52.74	55.61	+0.02	6.95
-do- Acc	64.05	67.53	+0.03	6.95
Gilt Income	102.28	107.78	+0.10	7.63
-do- Acc	142.85	150.53	+0.14	7.63
Income	314.49	335.45	+0.94	3.88
-do- Acc	927.64	989.48	+2.70	3.88
Japan Enterprise	69.43	74.05	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	69.43	74.05	-0.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	487.09	519.56	-4.49	...
-do- Acc	488.07	520.60	-4.50	...
Pacific Gth	96.81	103.27	+1.31	0.07
-do- Acc	99.69	106.34	+1.36	0.07
Smaller Cos	188.66	201.23†	-0.13	0.89
-do- Acc	218.00	232.52	-0.16	0.89
Tokyo	109.66	116.97	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	110.77	118.15	-0.18	...
UK Equity	208.82	222.74	+0.62	2.64
-do- Acc	386.71	412.49	+1.15	2.64
US Smllr Cos	132.16	141.07†	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	132.26	141.07	+1.60	...
World Fd	70.40	75.09	+0.22	1.46
-do- Acc	74.25	79.17	+0.24	1.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	45.85	48.83	-0.35	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.69	67.83	-0.18	3.22
European Opps	70.14	74.70	-0.46	1.01
Maximum Inc	99.26	101.83	+0.06	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	53.56	57.04	-0.25	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	341.80	365.10	+0.80	2.76
American	239.90	254.20	+2.70	0.94
Pacific	334.40	357.70	+0.30	0.62
European	444.50	475.40	+1.20	1.34
Worldwide	79.33	84.85	+0.48	1.07
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6400				
UK Equity	300.30	319.60†	+0.10	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.60	220.90	+0.40	1.04
European	326.30	347.30	-1.10	1.81
North American	246.90	262.70	+2.50	0.49
Income Plus Inc	65.26	69.45	...	3.00
UK Spec Sits	66.57	70.42	-0.10	2.79
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.38	27.16	+0.01	2.94
Intl Growth Acc	29.10	31.15	+0.03	0.49
Market Ldrs Acc	26.02	27.85	+0.07	2.92
FOR SUTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR. 071 626 6226				
European	197.37		-0.06	2.50
Global Bond	196.01		-1.22	...
Japan Samurai	207.08	...		
UK Growth	195.75		+0.11	4.14
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	43.01	46.66	-0.30	1.66
Equity Gth Acc	59.67	63.40	-0.20	1.93
UK Eq General	41.52	44.12	-0.20	2.25
-do- Acc	54.83	58.26	-0.30	2.25
European Acc	40.81	43.37	-0.50	1.28
Far East Acc	55.98	59.48	-0.50	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.09	31.83	...	8.03
N American Acc	42.20	44.84	...	0.78
Oil Lgr Cos Acc	278.30	301.90	-2.40	1.46
UK Eq High Inc	34.88	37.06	-0.31	3.93
-do- Acc	41.41	44.00	-0.30	3.93
UK Lgr Cos Inc	286.20	310.60	-1.10	1.78
UK Lgr Cos Acc	372.70	404.40	-1.40	1.78
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N£283.61	N£293.84	+0.015	1.20
US Eq	$2.058	$2.186	-0.056	0.80
Far East Eq	¥236.7	¥251.4	+0.60	..
Japan Eq	¥241.2	¥256.2	+0.50	...
FT Europe	111.50	118.70	+1.00	2.19
FT North Am	$1.709	$1.812	-0.032	1.09
FT Japan	¥238.3	¥253.1	+1.30	..
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.920	$2.039	-0.018	1.69
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	329.50	351.30	+3.00	0.32
British	932.40	986.50	+1.50	4.17
European	388.30	413.50	-1.40	1.40
Japan	146.90	156.00	-2.00	..
New Pacific	294.10	313.30†	-3.00	1.28
Mngd Cash	96.09	96.09	...	5.00
Majority Stig	100.28	101.29	+0.01	4.76
Inv Tst	189.20	200.60	+0.20	1.79
Saltire PPP	360.80	379.80	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 222300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	719.10	769.10	+3.30	3.20
N America Acc	113.30	121.20	+1.30	0.18
Far East Acc	123.90	132.50	+0.40	...
W'wide Bond	60.64	64.37	+0.36	5.39
European	82.01	87.71	-0.10	0.85
Equity Income	80.38	85.97†	+0.31	4.29
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.60	35.94	+0.26	0.03
Managed Assets	118.01	126.21	+0.12	3.44
UK Income	36.00	38.51†	+0.10	3.14
UK Growth	36.12	38.64	+0.05	2.40
Worldwide Gth	30.90	33.05†	+0.03	0.36
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	202.29	215.20	+1.48	0.14
-do- Acc	222.18	236.36	+1.62	0.14
British Gth	84.46	89.85	+0.28	1.93
-do- Acc	99.38	105.72	+0.33	1.93
European	91.62	97.47	-0.55	1.14
-do- Acc	96.64	102.81	-0.58	1.14
Extra Inc	183.93	195.67	-1.20	3.99
-do- Acc	293.41	312.14	-1.92	3.99
General Unit	261.24	277.92	-0.34	2.47
-do- Acc	515.48	548.39	-0.68	2.47
Income	317.22	337.47†	+0.84	3.61
-do- Acc	659.21	701.29†	+1.74	3.61
International	477.61	508.10	+1.75	0.46
-do- Acc	625.24	665.15	+2.29	0.46
Pacific	341.22	363.00†	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	358.44	381.32†	+3.26	...
Premier Income	50.49	52.59	+0.09	8.61
-do- Acc	105.26	109.65	+0.08	8.61
Nat Resources	114.50	121.81	+1.59	0.10
-do- Acc	125.66	133.68	+1.74	0.10
Selected Opps	96.70	102.87	-0.02	1.16
-do- Acc	121.06	128.79	-0.03	1.16
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	78.38	83.60	-0.48	...
-do- Acc	80.84	86.22	-0.50	...
European Opps	60.01	63.91	+0.11	0.46
-do- Acc	60.66	64.58	+0.11	0.46
Far East Opps	152.85	163.04	-0.97	...
-do- Acc	158.41	168.83	-0.99	...
Japan	87.25	92.99	-1.94	...
-do- Acc	87.25	92.99	-1.94	...
Little Dragons	73.95	78.87	+0.77	0.63
-do- Acc	76.13	81.20	+0.81	0.63
Oriental Income	43.61	46.51	+0.17	3.42
-do- Acc	55.59	59.29	+0.21	3.42
Tiger	216.32	230.74	+1.18	1.14
-do- Acc	227.27	242.42	+1.24	1.14
UK Small Cos	75.25	80.49	+0.04	1.97
-do- Acc	87.78	93.88	+0.03	1.97
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.19	17.22	+0.51	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.23	33.22	+0.20	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.26	39.63	+0.99	...
Global Bond	$0.987	$0.996	-0.003	7.27
Penny Share	24.82	26.19	-0.55	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.84	52.84	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	68.14	68.83	-0.01	...
Gilt Income	51.10	53.17†	-0.81	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	108.70	108.10	-0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	+0.000	...
Challenger	91.45	93.56	+0.74	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	67.75	72.07	+0.15	2.03

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASTP	11,000	Carlton Cms	392	Legal & Gn	1,100	Scot & New	2,100
AbNatl	1,900	Coats Vly	6,000	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	3,100
Allms	3,100	Cm Union	1,000	MB Cardn	1,500	Sears	7,800
Anl W	1,100	Courtaulds	2,200	Marks Spr	3,600	Svrn Trent	1,600
ArGp	3,900	De La Rue	630	NFC	7,500	Shell Trans	3,200
ASSgn	227	Enterpr Oil	2,100	NatWst Bk	3,200	Siebe	377
Ads	1,100	Fisons	5,200	Nat Power	2,800	SmKl Bch	2,800
B	1,200	Forte	8,200	Nth Wst W	1,800	Smith Nph	3,400
nds	5,200	GRE	1,600	Nthrn Fds	4,700	Sthrn Elec	239
	974	GUS A	1,000	P & O	1,200	Std Chartd	2,700
	8,100	Gen Acc	832	Pearson	803	Sun Allnce	2,300
	6,600	Gen Elec	4,400	PowerGen	2,300	TI Gp	1,100
	6,300	Glaxo	4,100	Prudential	5,400	TSB	3,300
Scot	3,300	Granada	4,600	RTZ	1,700	Tate & Lyle	692
ays	5,500	Grand Met	5,300	Rank Org	620	Tesco	8,900
	2,600	Guinness	4,400	Reckitt Col	466	Thames W	2,100
Circle	1,300	HSBC	1,200	Redland	914	Thrn EMI	716
s	3,300	Hanson	9,400	Reed Intl	1,700	Tomkins	2,600
arer	697	ICI	3,100	Rentokil	1,100	Unilever	1,800
Airwys	970	Inchcape	1,200	Reuters	924	Utd Bisc	1,600
Gas	5,600	Kingfisher	2,000	Rothmans	537	Vodafone	3,200
Steel	9,000	Kwik Save	220	Ryl Ins	2,900	Wellcome	2,400
mah Cast	319	LASMO	2,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbd 'A'	1,200
le Wire	1,500	Ladbroke	7,400	Sainsbury	1,100	Wlms Hld	2,800
ibury	1,200	Land Secs	1,800	Scot Hydro	1,000	Zeneca	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3495.04 (+3.04)
S&P Composite 445.67 (-0.60)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19902.42 (-143.46)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7304.83 (+21.37)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 109.6 (+0.9)

Sydney: AO 1724.7 (+0.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1689.56 (+5.46)

FT 30 share: 2253.5 (+2.9)

Brussels:
General 6250.67 (+36.21)

Paris: CAC 519.26 (-1.33)

Zurich: SKA Gen 516.90 (+2.70)

London:
FT A All-Share 1423.44 (+5.34)
FT 500 1542.39 (+4.90)
FT Gold Mines 173.9 (+4.1)
FT Fixed Interest 112.04 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs 95.62 (+0.08)
Bargains 28150
SEAQ Volume 607.3m
USM (Datastrm) 138.79 (-0.21)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 16/6/93: Aegis, Amstrad, Avesco, ASDA, British Aerospace, British Land, Brixton Group, Division Group, Ferranti, Flextech, SR Gent, Millwall, Ramco, Slough Estates, United Energy.
Put: Sims Food. Put & Call: Aegis.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 52595)	Jun 93	2876.0	2900.0	2871.0	2889.0	14645
	Sep 93	2894.0	2918.0	2891.5	2907.0	8008
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 334699)	Jun 93	94.08	94.09	94.07	94.06	6115
	Sep 93	94.20	94.23	94.16	94.19	33475
	Dec 93	94.24	94.28	94.21	94.23	7559
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 12667)	Sep 93	96.53	96.53	96.52	96.53	299
	Dec 93	96.10	96.11	96.10	96.11	154
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 509959)	Sep 93	93.29	93.35	93.26	93.27	75400
	Dec 93	93.87	93.93	93.85	93.86	20171
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 70481)	Jun 93	105-16	105-28	105-16	105-23	531
	Sep 93	104-13	105-00	104-13	104-27	40397
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	108.20	108.21	108.05	108.06	1266
	Dec 93				107.33	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 156978)	Sep 93	94.98	95.18	94.83	94.91	82058
	Dec 93	95.08	95.27	95.08	95.05	98
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 15828)	Sep 93	99.20	99.31	99.04	99.08	8112
	Dec 93				99.29	0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 18906)	Sep 93	93.31	93.38	93.31	93.32	2425
	Dec 93	93.72	93.78	93.70	93.70	1088
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 32667)	Sep 93	95.42	95.47	95.40	95.41	7098
	Dec 93	95.66	95.69	95.63	95.64	1129
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 46408)	Sep 93	101.40	101.46	101.10	101.20	12592
	Dec 93	101.12	101.21	101.05	100.95	158

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.4 (day's range 79.4-79.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7715-2.7989	2.7742-2.7777	¼-⅛ds	½-⅜ds
Brussels	51.10-51.31	51.15-51.25	2-7ds	10-16ds
Copenhagen	9.5060-9.5500	9.5140-9.5360	1½-2⅞ds	3¼-5¼ds
Dublin	1.0140-1.0162	1.0143-1.0158	9-13ds	27-33ds
Frankfurt	2.4875-2.4977	2.4944-2.4977	⅜-¼ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	236.63-237.94	237.41-237.87	135-147ds	403-432ds
Madrid	190.08-190.90	190.62-190.90	101-109ds	254-270ds
Milan	2257.50-2274.00	2259.70-2265.80	7-9ds	21-25ds
Montreal	1.9241-1.9412	1.9242-1.9263	0.27-0.16pr	0.49-0.29pr
New York	1.5030-1.5170	1.5045-1.5055	0.36-0.34pr	1.03-1.00pr
Oslo	10.5180-10.5630	10.5180-10.5410	¼-1¼ds	1⅝-3¼ds
Paris	8.3640-8.4050	8.3800-8.3940	1-1¼ds	3-3¼ds
Stockholm	11.1150-11.1810	11.1280-11.1520	1⅞-3¼ds	5⅝-7⅝ds
Tokyo	159.63-161.34	159.79-159.98	⅝-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.47-17.57	17.49-17.54	1⅝-2¼ds	3¼-5ds
Zurich	2.2210-2.2350	2.2311-2.2342	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4972-1.4998
Australia dollar	2.2124-2.2156
Bahrain dinar	0.566-0.578
Brazil cruzeiro*	72040.4-72090.1
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland marka	8.342-8.458
Greece drachma	336.5-343.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.632-11.641
India rupee	47.25-48.21
Kuwait dinar KD	0.452-0.462
Malaysia ringgit	3.8562-3.8604
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7594-2.7664
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.627-5.753
Singapore dollar	2.4304-2.4336
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9542-7.0040
S Africa rand (com)	4.8326-4.8307
U A E dirham	5.5105-5.6345

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4710-1.4721
Austria	11.63-11.65
Belgium (Com)	34.00-34.04
Canada	1.2810-1.2815
Denmark	6.325-6.335
France	5.56-5.57
Germany	1.659-1.660
Hong Kong	7.7290-7.7295
Ireland	1.4822-1.4832
Italy	1504.0-1506.0
Japan	106.21-106.26
Malaysia	2.564-2.565
Netherlands	1.844-1.845
Norway	6.991-7.101
Portugal	157.5-157.7
Singapore	1.616-1.617
Spain	126.35-126.45
Sweden	7.397-7.407
Switzerland	1.478-1.479

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low: 5¾ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⁹⁄₁₆; 3 mth: 5⁹⁄₁₆.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅝-5¹⁷⁄₃₂	5⅝-5¹⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank	5¾-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⅝-5½
Overnight: open 5¾, close 6					
Local Authority Deps	5⅝	n/a	5⅝	5½	5½
Sterling CDs	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5⁹⁄₁₆-5½	5⁹⁄₁₆-5½	5⁹⁄₁₆-5½
Dollar CDs	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.16-3.13	3.28-3.25	3.63-3.60
Building Society CDs	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5⁹⁄₁₆-5½	5⁹⁄₁₆-5½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993. Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3¼-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3⅛-3	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2⅞
Deutschemark	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7⅜-7¼	7¼-7⅛	8¼-7¼
French Franc	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅛-7	7⅛-6⅞	8-7
Swiss Franc	5¼-5	5⁵⁄₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	5¼-4½
Yen	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3½-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $369.10-369.60 Close: $369.35-370.10 High: $370.60-371.10 Low: $367.25-367.75 Krugerrand: $368.50-370.50 (£244.50-246.50)
Sovereigns: Old $88.00-91.00 (£56.00-58.00) New $88.00-91.00 (£56.00-58.00)
Platinum: $379.50 (£251.80) Silver: $4.32 (£2.87) Palladium: $127.75 (£84.75)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	500	45	59	67	5	12½	19½
(*536½)	550	13½	29½	38½	26	34	42½
Argyll	330	18	29	35	10	18	23
(*339½)	360	5	15½	21½	29	35	40
ASDA	67	7½	10	-	2½	5	-
(*71½)	76	3	6	-	6	10½	-
Boots	420	31	44	51	6	14	20
(*441½)	460	9	24	30	26	34	40
Br Airways	287	19½	30	35	8	15	20½
(*295)	316	5	16	21	26	31	36½
BP	300	17½	25½	31	7	14	18½
(*309½)	330	5	10½	18	23	31½	34½
Br Steel	100	8½	12	17	5½	8½	10
(*104)	110	4	8	11	11	14	16
C & W	700	55	71	83	8½	21	30
(*744½)	750	10½	42	55½	31	44	54
CU	580	29	42	-	12½	27	-
(*592½)	629	7½	18	-	43	56	-
ICI	681	36½	50	66	13½	30½	39
(*690)	730	7	20	35	57	73½	79
Kingfishr	535	56	70	-	4½	13	-
(*588)	584	22	40	-	19	32	-
Land Sec	550	44	57	63½	3	12	18
(*585½)	600	11	26½	34	22½	32½	40½
M & S	330	15	26	33	8	14	19
(*335)	360	4	12½	19	28	32	35
Nat West	460	28½	38	50	10	21	26
(*474½)	500	8½	19	31	32½	44½	49½
Sainsbury	460	40	54	61	6	14	20
(*497½)	500	14	31	39	22	32	38
Shell	600	37	46½	56	5½	17	22½
(*626)	650	8½	19½	31½	29½	43	48
Smkl Bch	420	36½	50	61	8	19	27
(*443)	460	14	28	41	26½	38½	47
Storehse	200	13	21	26	7	13	17
(*207½)	220	4	13	17	20	24	29
Trafalgar	101	9	14½	-	4	7½	-
(*105)	110	4½	9½	13	9	12½	16
Unilever	1000	56	81½	95½	9	22	30½
(*1036)	1050	22	50½	67	28	44½	51
Zeneca	600	37	53½	68	13½	31	38
(*622½)	650	14	30	45½	42	62½	70½
Series		Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met	390	31	39½	49	7	14½	25
(*411½)	420	12½	24	34	22	29	39½
Ladbroke	160	23	29	-	3	10½	14
(*177)	180	9	17	22	11	20½	25
Utd Bisc	390	23½	36½	46½	14	23½	32½
(*396½)	420	10½	24	34	32	40½	49½

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Jan	Puts Aug	Nov	Jan
BAA	700	37½	57½	63½	13½	22½	29
(*727½)	750	13	32½	37	40½	48½	54½
Thames W	460	30	41	44½	7	16	18½
(*477½)	500	10½	19	24	28	36½	39½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	425	22½	31½	42	12	27½	31
(*429½)	460	11	21	29½	39	44	47
BTR	360	14	20½	26½	11	19	21½
(*358½)	390	3½	8½	14	33½	38½	41
Br Aero	420	22	42½	55	40	56	59
(*400)	460	10	29	41	70	83	85
Br Telcm	420	19	27	31	12	22½	29
(*425)	460	4½	12	16½	37	49	56½
Cadbury	460	19	33	43½	17	28	32½
(*468)	500	5½	16½	26½	45½	52½	56½
Guinness	460	43½	56½	67½	7½	18	23½
(*499)	500	18	33½	46	25	36	42½
GEC	330	15	22½	27½	11	14	20½
(*336)	360	3½	9½	15	34	36	39
Hanson	220	16	21	24	4½	9	12½
(*230)	240	5	11	14½	14	20	23
LASMO	160	11	19½	25	10½	18	21
(*158)	180	5	12	17	24½	31	34
Lucas	130	14½	20½	23	6	12	16½
(*136)	140	7	14½	17½	10	19	22
Pilkngtn	120	14	16	21	4	7½	12
(*128½)	130	8	13½	16	8	12½	17
Prudential	300	30½	37	42½	3½	9½	12½
(*323½)	330	11	19	26	15	23½	26
Redland	460	33	47½	55	12½	25½	35
(*468)	500	13	29	37½	35	51½	56½
Royal Ins	260	25½	35	41½	3	12½	16
(*286½)	298	14	24	31½	13	20½	25
Tesco	200	24	29	33	4	9	11½
(*217½)	220	10½	18	23	10½	17	21
Vodafone	420	44½	59½	66½	7½	16½	21½
(*454½)	460	19½	36	44½	24½	31	39
Williams	300	15	22½	29	11	20½	23½
(*301½)	330	4	11	16½	31½	40½	43

FT-SE INDEX (*2883)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Jun	139	87	35	6	1½	1½
Jul	148	104	69	38	18	7
Aug	168	128	92	62	42	23
Sep	181	144	112	83	62	44
Dec	-	197	-	136	-	89
Puts						
Jun	½	1½	2½	24	72	126
Jul	9	14	25	48	82	126
Aug	22	28	43	70	99	137
Sep	33	47	64	85	115	149
Dec	-	76	-	115	-	171

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	390	30	38	50	1	9	15
(*420½)	420	1½	21	32	3½	20	28
Amstrad	35	1½	4	6½	1	4½	4½
(*38)	40	½	2	4½	6	7½	8
Barclays	460	6½	29	42	1½	22	29
(*465)	500	1	12	24½	37	48	53½
Blue Circ	260	1	15½	22½	7½	18½	26½
(*252)	280	1	8	15	28½	32½	39
Br Gas	280	22½	30	34½	1	4½	10
(*300)	300	2	16	22	1½	11½	19
	330	1	5½	10	30½	31½	38
Dixons	200	15	24	32	1	11	17
(*215½)	220	1	13	22	8	22	27
Forte	200	23	29	36	1	5½	11½
(*220)	220	1	18	25	2	14	20
Glaxo	600	49½	72	83	1	15½	30
(*593½)	600	3	42½	56	7	38	56
	650	1	22	36	60	71	89
HSBC	600	59	79	98	1	13	28
(*656½)	650	8	47½	69	1	32	50
Hillsdwn	140	2	12½	17	2	10	15½
(*139½)	160	1	5	9	22	24½	28½
Lonrho	100	4	11	15	1	8	11
(*105)	110	1	6½	11	8	14½	18
Reuter	1300	33½	91½	135	1	47	70
(*1325)	1350	3	67	107	22	72	93
R-Royce	140	10	16	22½	1	6½	13
(*149½)	160	½	5½	14	12½	17½	24
Sears	90	9	11½	13½	1	2½	4
(*99)	100	1	5	8½	3	6½	8½
Tarmac	130	7½	16	20½	1	7	13
(*137½)	140	1	11	15	4½	12½	18
Thrn Emi	850	36	53½	67½	1	26½	35½
(*882)	900	1	24	43	17½	56	63½
Tomkins	220	30½	25½	31	1	6½	9
(*236½)	240	1½	13	22	3	15½	19½
TSB	180	14	21	25½	1	6	9½
(*193)	200	1	9	15	8	17½	21
Wellcome	700	20	60	83	1½	32	50
(*715)	750	1	35	58	34	61½	82
Series		Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons	160	20	29	28	5½	12	15
(*172)	180	8½	18½	21½	14	23	27
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	31	30	36½	17½	25	31½
(*471)	500	4½	15½	20	47½	51½	56
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	360	6½	24	34½	1	13½	19
(*363½)	390	1	10½	20½	26	31	34½
Scot Pwr	310	13	20	25½	1	10½	14½
(*320½)	330	1	5	16	10	22½	25½

June 16, 1993 Tot: 31305 Calls: 21011 Puts: 10294 FT-SE Calls: 3467 Puts: 3564
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Rumours circulated the London cocoa market that a major trade house had concluded a deal to buy 500,000 tonnes from the Ivory Coast. This equates to nearly two thirds of the annual harvest from the world's largest producer and understandably traders were concerned. However a swift denial and a *jump in sterling against the dollar* quickly altered the markets focus.

LONDON FOX — COCOA

Jul	677-676	Sep	770-769
Sep	688-687	Dec	793-789
Dec	706-705	Mar	812-811
Mar	725-724	May	830-828
May	740-738		
Jul	755-752	Volume:	14636

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	900-899	Mar	931-920
Sep	916-914	May	941-925
Nov	922-921	Jul	951-930
Jan	922-920	Volume:	2485

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	...	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	282.0-80.5
Spot: 280.0		May	286.5-84.1
Aug	282.5-81.0	Aug	292.5-89.1
Oct	278.0-77.0	Oct	286.5-80.1
Dec	279.9-78.5	Volume:	1107

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.25	109.25	140.95
(+/-)	-1.76	-6.25	-3.36
Eng/Wales:	87.25	109.22	140.38
(+/-)	-1.76	-5.63	-3.52
(%)	+1.7	-13.9	+19.4
Scotland:	n/a	109.49	145.19
(+/-)	n/a	-12.91	-2.07
(%)	n/a	+11.6	+17.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	115.5	115.5	Aug	102.0	101.5
Jul	107.0	107.0		Volume:	29

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t): Jun 134.75; Sep 106.75; Nov 108.55; Jan 111.20; Mar 113.60. Volume: 104

BARLEY (close £/t): Sep 104.65; Nov 107.60; Jan 110.20; Mar 112.15; May 113.65. Volume: 29

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t): Jun 151.50; Aug 140.30; Oct 147.50; Dec 149.80; Feb 152.00. Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	52.5
Apr	92.0	91.3
May	99.9	98.0
	Volume:	92

RUBBER No 1 RSS Cif (p/k): Jul 58.00-58.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Oil prices started to recover from the post Opec lows, but still looked fragile.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.30	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.40	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.70	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.80	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.15	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT) Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (n/c)	200 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	163 (n/c)	163 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jul	165 (n/c)	166 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	167 (n/c)	168 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (-2)	173 (-1)

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GAS OIL

Jul	163.50-63.75	Oct	171.75-72.00
Aug	165.75-66.00	Nov	174.00-74.25
Sep	168.00-68.25	Dec	176.00-76.50
		Vol:	15458

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.67-17.69	Nov	18.22-18.29
Sep	17.90-17.91	Dec	18.35-18.40
Oct	18.08-18.11	Vol:	22765

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	188.50-89.50	Oct	unq
Aug	187.00-89.00	Nov	unq
Sep	187.00-89.00	Vol:	64

BIFFEX GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Jun 93	High: 1476	Low: 1470	Close: 1473
Jul 93	1347	1338	1345
Aug 93	1337	1330	1334
Oct 93	1410	1410	1412

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1222.0-1222.5	1232.5-1233.0	970900
Lead (£/tonne)	260.50-261.00	270.50-271.00	85975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	919.00-919.50	937.50-938.00	442350
Tin ($/tonne)	5025.0-5035.0	5090.0-5095.0	16425
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1156.5-1157.0	1181.0-1181.5	988375
Nickel ($/tonne)	5541.0-5542.0	5600.0-5605.0	66982

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Peter Whelan is the BT playwright, whose work will be performed by hundreds of amateurs

CINEMA: **David Robinson** on *Savage Nights*, love and Aids; plus criminal proceedings in Nottingham

Living and dying by desire

Savage Nights
Camden Plaza, Chelsea, Gate and Metro, 18
South Central
MGMs Fulham Road and Trocadero, 15
Matinee
MGMs Haymarket and Oxford Street, PG
The Trial
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, Phoenix, 15
Boxing Helena
Odeons Kensington and West End, 18
Fire in the Sky
MGMs Fulham Road and Oxford St, Plaza, 15

Clamped together in the car-park: Cyril Collard and Romane Bohringer in the throes of unprotected love-making in Collard's *Savage Nights*

Aids is to the late 20th century what consumption was to the early Victorians: mysterious and merciless, choosing its victims among the youngest and brightest. The Victorians deflected their terror with romantic myths of love and death and golden youth — Chopin and George Sand, Camille and Armand. Cyril Collard and Savage Nights have been embraced in France as a similar cult of romantic comfort for the Aids-haunted Nineties.

Savage Nights (*Les Nuits Fauves*) was Collard's only feature film. Athlete, musician, pop star, writer and actor as well as director, he was known for his unabashed narcissism and for his attraction to both sexes. In 1984 he was diagnosed HIV-positive. In 1989 he published the novel *Les Nuits Fauves*. In March of this year his film adaptation received four top "Césars" (the annual French awards) — three days after Collard died at 35 from Aids-related causes.

Collard himself plays the central role, with its evident autobiographical elements. Jean is a video cameraman, charming, amusing and wanton in his sexual adventures. The most serious of his prodigal affairs is with a 20-year-old delinquent footballer Samy (Carlos Lopez), until an encounter with 17-year-old Laure (Romane Bohringer, interviewed below), whose romantic intensity and possessive jealousy bring new and disturbing elements into his life.

Jean is also HIV-positive. Aids is viewed in the film not as a campaign issue, but as a predictable dramatic hazard in a contemporary love story. In the dangerous intoxication of passion, Jean has unprotected sex with Laure without telling her he is infected; later, she knowingly insists on unprotected sex, in a romantic delusion that nothing can harm a love like theirs. Finally, trying to win him back, she blackmails him with the pretence that she is HIV-positive.

Aids too, and the concomitant sense of the fragility of life, must to an extent explain a sort of frenzy in these characters — emphasised in the frantic speed and animation of the whole film. One of its Césars was for Lise Beaulieu's editing; and it is her virtuosity that enables Collard convincingly to whirl from scene to scene, recklessly shifting between urgent hand-held camera and reflective formality. Scenes change abruptly; characters are introduced with minimal explanation.

Yet the effect is of tremendous vitality rather than morbid desperation; and Collard's Jean, questionable as he is in terms of strict social morality, is charming and irresistibly sympathetic as we watch him growing in awareness of himself and his complex relationships. This is a film about living with Aids rather than dying from it.

Poles apart, another impressive first film, by writer-director Steve Anderson, revives the vigorous campaigning tradition of Warner social pictures of the Thirties. Loosely based on a novel by a Los Angeles teacher, **South Central** is a simple, intense morality tale about the perils of the inner-city black ghetto: family disintegration; gang warfare; peer group challenges; self-destructive rage; and above all, drugs. The film quotes Jesse Jackson: "We have allowed Death to change his name from Southern rope to Northern dope."

The hero (Glenn Plummer) is a man who, with help from a fellow convict and the will to save his own son from the ghetto, frees himself from the thrall of the gang. The small budget in no way inhibits the confidence of the production and the acting of the black cast. This is elemental, popular story-telling, with emotions no less violent than the action, as the father battles with the ghetto for possession of his kid's heart and soul.

Joe Dante (*The Howling, Gremlins*) has brought to the terror film unwonted qualities of humour and charm. **Matinee**, though, is less a horror film than an essay on the genre and the specific notion that fictional terrors provide a ritualised means of sublimating real-life fears.

The 1962 Cuban missile crisis proves an opportune moment for a joyously disreputable producer of low-budget horror film movies to preview his latest shocker ("*Mant!* — Half Man, Half Ant, All Terror!") for the acutely paranoid population of Key West, Florida. Played with lovely relish by John Goodman, the producer is openly and affectionately modelled on the real-life master of schlock and showmanship, William Castle (1914-1977). His mixture of chicanery and childlike pleasure in his own gimmicks ("Rumblerama", "Atomovision") results in a natural alliance with the new kid in the local school (Simon Fenton, a likable English teenager).

Even if *Matinee* attempts too much and ends up a chaotic muddle of missile crisis, H-bomb paranoia, parody horror, high school romance and a collapsing movie theatre, it is both intelligent and endearing. The pastiche of Sixties horror is so authentic that Dante has already had offers to make *Mant!* as a film in its own right.

From Cuba '62 to Kafka is a short step. Thirty years ago Orson Welles filmed **The Trial** in an eerie Expressionist world created out of the Gare d'Orsay — then in the limbo of decay, not yet elevated to art museum. The new version, directed by David Jones from Harold Pinter's adaptation, opts instead for the concrete realism of Prague locations and diligent period recreation.

Welles saw it as a universal parable. Harold Pinter declares that "Kafka didn't write a prophetic book. He wrote a book that was based in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, before the first world war."

If the approaches are different, the essential problem remains the same. Kafka's text, in both cases followed pretty faithfully, provides a loose structure of static dialogue encounters. Pinter's adaptation, whose principal contribution is to eliminate the awful translationese which we have come to accept as the voice of Kafka, provides no remedy. Jones works sometimes desperately to keep things — the camera and set-pieces by Anthony Hopkins, Alfred Molina, Jason Robards, Juliet Stevenson and others — on the move, but the result is more distracting than enlivening. Kyle Maclachlan, David Lynch's favourite lead actor, is a good-looking but monotonous Joseph K.

The Lynch connection continues in **Boxing Helena**, scripted and directed by David's 24-year-old daughter Jennifer Lynch. Sadly this is not, as the title might suggest, the story of a lady pugilist, but a risibly awful piece of Grand Guignol which just might have passed muster as a 15-minute film-school gag. Julian Sands plays a great surgeon but inadequate sexual performer, whose erotic frustration leads him to amputate first the legs and then the arms of the ill-tempered woman of his dreams (played by Sherilyn Fenn after Madonna and Kim Basinger had declined the role). With performances as inept as the script, the self-parody cannot be passed off as intentional.

Fire in the Sky is based on a story claimed to be true. When Travis Walton, an Arizona lumberjack, disappeared his workmates said he had been kidnapped by aliens. Nobody believed them. He reappeared, naked, shook-up and claiming to have been kidnapped by aliens. Nobody believed him. He wrote a book about it, now filmed as *Fire in the Sky*, directed by Robert Lieberman. Nobody will believe that, either. The thin story simply fizzles out in the end.

From groupie to star, by way of The Tempest

David Robinson meets Romane Bohringer, who won a César award for her first film role, as the co-star of *Savage Nights*

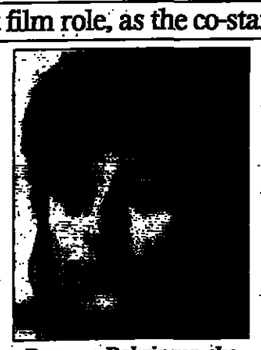
Romane Bohringer's fairy-story all began because she was the No 1 groupie of French pop star Jacques Higelain. She was just turned 17 and it was the end of the Eighties. "I went to every concert — ten of them in a row. And afterwards I would always be screaming and crying at the stage door, demanding to go to his dressing room.

"Then one night a man who had a pass for two took pity on me. So there I was in the dressing room. Jacques was very nice and talked to me for half an hour. And then he invited me to come back again the next night."

She returned as arranged: but the pop singer presented her to his son who, at 21, was himself already in the senior citizen bracket for Romane. But he was very nice too. He said he was an actor and that his producer was looking for a young woman for a play he was doing.

"I said it was ridiculous. I'd never been on a stage — never even thought of acting — even though my father is well known as an actor. But he practically forced me there to see this producer."

The producer turned out to be Peter Brook and the production his acclaimed version of *The Tempest*. Brook was still looking for a Miranda to the Prospero of the African actor Sotigui Kouyate.



Romane Bohringer: she debuted in *The Tempest*

"The whole idea seemed so crazy. I was shaking with fear. But Peter Brook is a magician, a master. He held my hand, and for an hour talked to me about fear. Then I auditioned. I knew nothing. I had no idea how to use my voice, and I was still scared. So first he made me read the speech with my back turned to the auditorium; and then in profile. Finally he let me face the auditorium. Somehow it worked, to ease me out of the fear."

After four months of rehearsal *The Tempest* opened at the Bouffes du Nord; and the strange little dark-haired almond-eyed Miranda was a critical sensation. *Looking for* an 18-year-old actress, Cyril Collard asked her to test for *Savage Nights*.

She is very conscious of criticisms of the film's approach to Aids: Laura, the character she plays, insists on having unprotected sex with the man she loves, knowing him to be affected by the Aids virus. "As Cyril said, he was not making a commercial for the Ministry of Health, but he regarded it very responsibly. I can't believe that audiences would be urged to imitation. On the contrary, they told us at the Aids-testing laboratories that the film has made a lot of people go to be tested. They love Jean and Laura; and they want to be alive. Cyril lived long enough to learn that, and he was very happy."

Her performance won one of the film's four Césars, for best female newcomer. "I have been incredibly lucky. Most actresses go on and on having to accept whatever they are offered. I am already in a position to choose."

So far she has chosen Claude Miller's *The Accompanist*, Jean-Loup Hubert's *Because of Her*, and a still untitled film by a first-time woman director, Martine Dugowson.

Everything but the gory details

Alison Roberts hunts for clues at Shots in the Dark, Nottingham's annual festival of thriller films

Despite the apparent Hollywood backlash, the attraction of sitting in a darkened room and watching hour upon hour of violent films should never be underestimated. The politically correct may wince at the gruesome thriller and the gritty crime movie, but hundreds of viewers at Nottingham's young and impressive Shots in the Dark festival are ignoring them.

Established in 1990, the fortnight-long festival screens more than 50 films with a general theme: crime. So a femmes fatales series (*Double Indemnity, Body Heat, Basic Instinct*) is juxtaposed with a Harvey Keitel retrospective (*Taxi Driver, Bad Lieutenant, Bugsy*) and a comical cops section (*The Ladykillers, Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid, Crazy Mama*).

What saves Shots in the Dark from the anti-violence lobbyists is its insistence on an active audience. Many screenings are tied in with discussion; lectures on Women Viewing Violence and opportunities to question film directors are designed to provoke a more intellectual response to more disturbing films.

Cult favourite: Harvey Keitel and Tim Roth in *Reservoir Dogs*

So knee-jerk reaction is not encouraged and Shots features none of the Terminator-style, mindless violence. As Adrian Wooton, the festival director, put it: "This is not a splatterfest."

One of the most interesting British premieres last week was *Benny's Video*, an Austrian film by Michael Haneke. An adolescent completely desensitised by watching violence on video murders a girl whom he has just met. His parents set out to protect the motiveless criminal in this sparse and disturbing film. Haneke appeared at the festival to discuss the issues raised.

For Wooton, Shots is the culmination of a long-term project that began with admiration for crime novels and the cult-actor-turned-Hollywood-hot-property, Harvey Keitel. "The festival was a deferred gratification for me. It took a long time to get off the ground. But we have always said that this is a festival for everybody. People can pick what they like about the genre and argue about what they don't like.

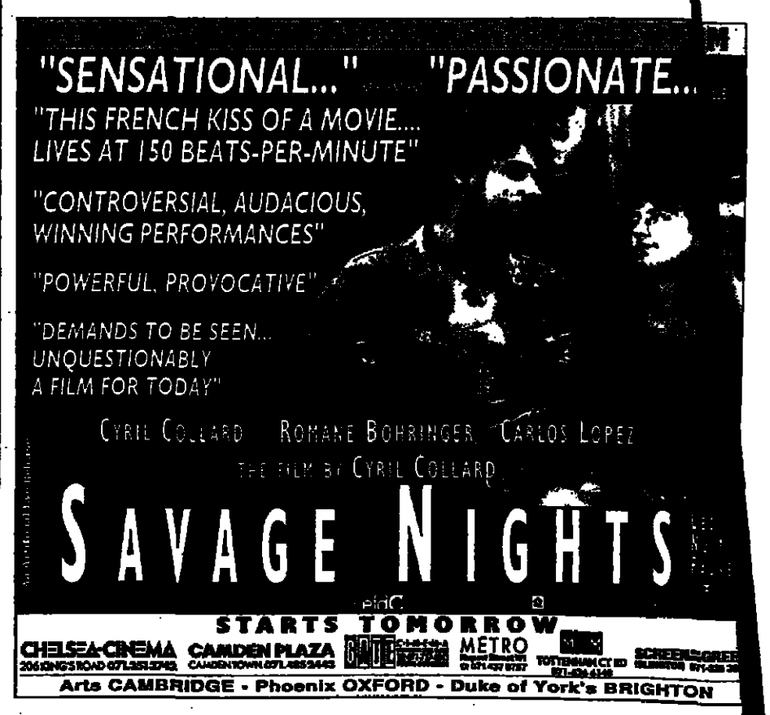
"We want it to be a rediscovery and a re-examination of the genre. I am not interested in apologising for it."

Quentin Tarantino, director of the much talked about *Reservoir Dogs*, hangs out in the café bar of the two-screen Broadway centre in the middle of Nottingham — the festival's major venue. He maintains he is equally "bored" with justifying the violence in *Reservoir Dogs*. "The question about violence is an aesthetic question," he says. "Not liking violence in movies is like not liking dance sequences in movies." An outrageous and sloppy statement perhaps, but Tarantino is uncompromising in his defence of realism.

Part of the attraction of the gun-toting criminal is the mystery of the unknown, he says. Most people have no idea what that culture of violence is like — crime movies give them a thrilling insight. He does not buy the Michael Medved argument which says that violence on film breeds a violent society. Tarantino believes he is mirroring the real-life mobster, not the other way round.

Shots is not just about films. Crime-writing seminars and talks, live theatre and an exhibition of work by New York crime photographer Weegee are also featured.

Above all, however, this festival peers long and hard at the underworld, where some of the basest instincts show best. And that flirtation with violence and crime will always be perversely stylish and attractive.



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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

STARCK: Philippe Starck has been among the most talked-about designers working in Mitterrand's France, his work *ranging from important architectural and* interior design projects to toothbrushes, computer disc drives, crystal vases and pasta. This show covers his works in various media from the early Seventies right up to his latest project: extensions to the Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong. The whole display has been designed by Starck himself.
Design Museum, Butler's Wharf, SE1 (071-403 6933). Mon-Fri, 10.30am-5.30pm, Sat, Sun, 10.30am-6.30pm, opens today until Oct 3.

GABRIEL VILLELA AND COMPANY: A young and buzzing Brazilian troupe *performs A Guerra Santa (The Holy War)*, drawing on Dante for a trip to the underworld of modern Brazil.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (071-413 1459). Tonight-June 21, incl Suns, 7.30pm.

THE WINTER'S TALE: Noble's production opened to mixed reviews at Stratford last year. With John Nettles and Richard McCabe.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from tonight, 7.15pm; opens June 23, 7pm.

INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE: Trevor Eve plays the embattled solicitor at the *end of his fraying tether in one of* Osborne's better plays. Opening night.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7pm; tomorrow, Sat, Mon, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm, then in repertoire.

ELEGIES FOR ANGELS, PUNKS AND RAGING QUEENS: Regina Fong, Kim Criswell, Simon Fanshawe plus 22 others in a poignant yet very funny celebration of friends dead from Aids.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Previewing Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, 6pm and 8.45pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8pm.

YOUNG MUSICIANS' SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. The YMSO, now in its 21st year, is joined by the London Choral Society and Goldsmiths' Choral Union in a performance of Verdi's Requiem. James Blair conducts.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

MANCHESTER: Gary Clail is *promoting a new album, Dreamstealers*. This concert includes performances by ON-U and Dub Syndicate.
Manchester Polytechnic University. (061-247 2000). 7.30pm

SALISBURY. Good Morning, Bill, P.G. Wodehouse's comedy of love and golf follows his young hero, aided or otherwise by Lord Squiffy Tidmarsh, in his affair with a dashed attractive woman doctor.
Playhouse, Maltings Lane (0722 320333). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, until July 3.

SHEFFIELD: Acclaimed theatre director Deborah Warner made her operatic debut with this production of *Wozzeck*, Berg's grimly compelling treatment of Büchner's drama. The Opera North cast includes Andrew Shore in the title role, Vivian Tierney as Marie, and Alan Woodrow as the Drum Major. Paul Daniel conducts.
Lyceum Theatre, Tudor Square (0742 769922), 7.15pm.

WORCESTER: The London Festival Orchestra continues its summer season of "Cathedral Classics" with a concert comprising Michael Haydn's St Aloysi Mass, Warlock's *Capriol Suite*, Mozart's Flute Concerto (with Edward Beckett as the soloist), John Tavener's latest *Hymns of Paradise* and Haydn's "Alleluia" Symphony.
Worcester Cathedral (0905 722480), 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ ***CITY OF ANGELS:*** *Top quality* Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, *Coventry Street, W1* (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG:** Peter Nichols successfully updates his ground-breaking first play. With Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-*fashioned drama: final week.*
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER:** Back again for an eight-week season: comic fantasies among the football-watching classes.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 120mins.

◩ ***THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:*** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the *themes of justice and terrible revenge.*
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm, 165mins.

◩ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◩ ***AN INSPECTOR CALLS:*** *Stephen* Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 *(071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm,* mat Sat, 2pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

◩ **JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK:** Sound and steady production from the Gate Theatre, Dublin. Anita Reeves is an admirable Juno: final week.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet *of troubled Americans.*
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **LEONARDO:** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE SHOWMAN:** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor but the play does not mount to much.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **STUDS:** Intricate ensemble playing by Dublin's Passion Machine makes foot-stamping theatre from the antics of a hopeless soccer team: final week.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 180mins.

◩ **TRANSLATIONS:** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15). *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **CLOSE TO EDEN** (15): Trite, condescending *tale of a New York* detective (Melanie Griffith) going undercover among Hasidic Jews. Sidney Lumet directs.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's kitsui, humane directorial debut: marvellously acted by Karen-Lise Mynster, Ifand Josephson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance between extrovertwaitress Marisa Tomei and reclusiveusboy Christian Slater. Tony Bill dires; with Rosie Perez.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

◆ **THE VANISHING** (15): Kiefer Sutherland hunts for a lost girl while Jeff Bridges plays cat and mouse. Uneven exercise in Hitchcockian suspense. Director, George Sluizer.
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UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

◆ ***FALLING DOWN*** (18): White-collar American (Michael Douglas) goes on the rampage. Controversial drama that irritates society's sores.
Barbican *(071-638 8891)* ***Empire*** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) ***MGM Trocadero*** *(071-434 0031)* **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

JAMON, JAMON (18): Juvenile sexual frolic with unfulfilled pretensions from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
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MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, *light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatores.*
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) **Gate** (071-727 4043).

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum. Director, Jon Amiel.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

VACAS: Julio Medem's striking, mysterious Basque saga is strong on jagged images but weak on narrative *momentum.*
ICA (071-930 3647).

LONDON THEATRE: Inscrutable or merely obscure? Two avant-garde shows

Words fail everybody at times

The Desire Paths
Royal Court

GRAEME Miller's piece of music theatre opens this year's LIFT, which is an acronym from London International Festival of Theatre, an acrostic for Lord, I Feel Terrible, and an anagram of *FLIT*. *The Desire Paths* is rich ground for fans of anagrams — *fanagrams* perhaps. At the start of the evening the cast suggests *Her Path is Death* and *Tastie Shepherd*, and for much of the evening a line of cards against a window reads: *Their Step Hades*.

These words can also provide an infinity of acrostics, as trivial as Two Hundred Elephants Dance Every Saturday In Really Elegant Places and They Hate Salsa. That is not one of Miller's as it happens, because his cast shuffle the letters before spreading them out onto the stage making the order of words different. A fragment that sticks in the memory is Tortoises Have Piles.

A desire path is actually an interesting phrase, describing the route that we ordinary people insist on taking, cutting corners, beating a thoroughfare across a patch of grass, in defiance of the asphalt paths designed for our use by architects and town planners. So Miller has his five performers holed up in some corner of an urban nightmare and setting out to find a human pathway.

He is a founder member of Impact Theatre Co-operative, a group that sought to bring together drama and dance to create something greater, or no less great, than its parts. One such piece, *A Girl Skipping*, won praise and awards a couple of Lifts ago.

What happens in this latest show? A man on an exercise machine is joined by a woman shining a torch, shaking a packet of granules and then identified as calling for her cat. She picks up a red card from the ground and, as thunder cracks, finds herself trapped with four others in a locked room. "We seem to be on some kind of mythological mission," someone says, which reassures the others, and one by one they go into a trance, trudging through the mysterious city, past the Five Spires, the Bridge of Sighs, Santa Monica and Santa Rosa and other curious places. A baby cries, a cat mews; one girl recites numbers, another manages to leave and returns with a bottle. The light changes; a girl is taken by a stranger to Shag Hill; everyone goes down to the Netherworld.

The revolve revolves, fast or slow, clockwise and anti-clockwise. Someone (not in the audience) cries: "I want to go home!" Another sobs: "No more!" They dance their way inventively out of the Netherworld, the topographical features (Bridge of Sighs etc) are identified as parts of the body, and two of the people embrace.

Miller's ideas came nowhere near convincing me of urban malaise or desire. I never trusted his vision.

Every So Often Theatres Engage *Rather Inscrutable Companies.*

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL

From left: Heather Ackroyd, Emma Bernard and Liz Kettle, of Impact Theatre, in *The Desire Paths*

Flea-bite satire for the slower-witted

Call Blue Jane
Royal Court
Theatre Upstairs

BEWARE over-explanatory programme notes. They may indicate a patronising attitude to a potentially dim audience. Or they may be a sign of lost nerve on the creators' part.

This 45-minute ritual written by Deborah Levy for the two-man team comprising Man Act, for instance, is described as "a remorseless satire on men, money, bad sex and England". A synopsis, as if for an opera sung in Slovakian, ends with the assurance that "*they scrutinise fear, sadism* and how we measure value in our contemporary world." Ah, so that's it.

Without this handy crib you might take this for a po-faced extension of the comedians Hale and Pace doing their thuggish gangster double act. In swirling mist, to a faint disco beat, in a square defined on all sides by footlights, dance two men in "seedy pinstriped suits". Cryptic question and answer exchanges *exude an air of menace*, pent-up violence. "What are you frightened of, Jim?" asks Mike. "Me," he replies.

They throw out fragmented images of ruthlessness. One phones his small son (they have cellular phones, naturally) to excuse his late homecoming with a description of snorting coke and buying a girl in a hotel room. "Remember you are my son," he concludes. "You are white. *Go out and buy something.*"

Totems of materialism crack and topple as Jim puts such posers as "what is a citizen?" He also claims to have one in his pocket, and brings out a slice of raw liver with which he wipes his face (preferable to the use that the hero of *Portnoy's Complaint* found for this adaptable meat?).

Philip Mackenzie and Simon Thorne bop, embrace and fight in this stylised war-dance of the Eighties boom. Mist swirls, lights flare and dim in Trevor Turton's design, and Deborah Levy directs. Meanwhile men, money, bad sex and England carry on much as they were, perhaps unaware they were being satirised.

MARTIN HOYLE

OPERA

Rousing team farewell

The Magic Flute
Coliseum

THE English National Opera's current management bows out and closes the season in style with *The Magic Flute*. Fast-moving and clear in its intentions, this *Flute* was always one of Nicholas Hytner's own best productions and among the most satisfying of the Jonas years.

Its quality, admirably realised in John Abulafia's revival, lies in its balance. Sarastro's brotherhood never becomes too heavy nor the animals of the forest too cuddly. Pantomime mixes with myth and the New Enlightenment rubs shoulders with the music-hall. No single element ever threatens to gain the upper hand.

At the core of the performance is Alan Opie's Papageno, a roly-poly, bearded fellow who handles his birds with the skill Monsewer Eddie Gray of the Crazy Gang once used to control his pigeons. But outside the feathered kingdom Papageno is helpless. He is a natural to be mothered by a Papagena (brightly sung by newcomer Sally Harrison) or by an audience. Opie, with his yokelish well-'tis-like-this-'ere approach, softens all hearts and not simply the birds eat out of his hand. Nothing is overstated, with "Ein Madchen oder Weibchen" rightly delivered as a simple human request.

Alan Opie is a production regular and most of the rest of the cast have played in it too. If they cannot claim to be the pick of ENO *Flutes*, at least they know their way around. The Queen of the Night (Nan Christie) is properly thought out as a mature and scheming woman, not just the usual role for a tyro soprano with a quiverful of high notes. *Ulrik Cold's Sarastro is equally* firm of purpose if less steady of voice. Paul Nilon's Tamino gets the notes, but his tenor could borrow some colour from Bob Crowley's glowing sets. Gillian Webster's Pamina handles the G minor aria with finesse.

The staging is only dated by a faded and un-Mozartian subservience to political correctness. The blackamoor Monastatos (Geoffrey Pogson) is turned into an Anglo-Saxon schoolmaster, bearing a passing resemblance to Robert Robinson. But let that pass. Alex Graham conducts briskly and the evening fairly zips along. No signs of end of season — or end of regime — fatigue.

JOHN HIGGINS

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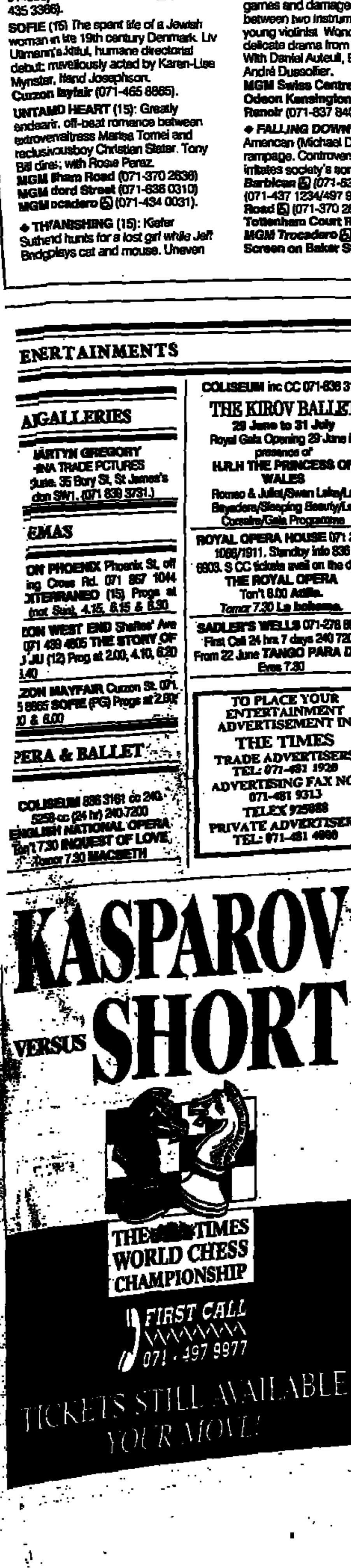

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Building up to a new battle

Despite the quality of the proposed designs, plans for a new gallery in Glasgow may still create controversy. **Marcus Binney** reports

Rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh reaches a new peak with the cities' competing bids to build the new National Gallery of Scottish Art. Glasgow has just declared its serious intent by submitting a formidable trio of designs by Sir Norman Foster, Terry Farrell and local architects Page and Park, who have won acclaim for their Italian Centre in the city.

Initially, it seemed certain that the new gallery was bound for Edinburgh, home of Scotland's National Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art. But some National Gallery trustees were disturbed at such a *fait accompli*, and Glasgow's enlightened Development Agency has once again seized the opportunity of promoting the city as a cultural metropolis.

Glasgow's counter-bid is based on three claims. First, Strathclyde (with its larger population) will attract more visitors; the huge public success of the Burrell Collection supports this. Second, Glasgow will offer its own extensive collection of Scottish art on long-term loan, including the interiors of Rennie Mackintosh's Ingram Street Tea Rooms, saved by the council during demolition. Third, Glasgow, as a development area, could attract a major slice of Euro-funding, covering up to a third of the cost.

Foster and Farrell were both invited to submit designs for Kelvingrove Park, site of the city's great exhibitions in 1901 and 1911. Foster's design lies low, and hugs the river bank, almost disappearing beneath a canopy of trees. Inside, it is one large open airy space, with a full-height continuous glass wall along the river providing a "Cinemascope" view of the landscape outside.

Curators are given the option of a very open lay-out with pictures hung on screens so visitors would be constantly conscious of the park outside. "The glass wall faces north-east, so there will be no problem with solar gain or ultra-violet light," says Giles Robinson, the project architect. Alternatively, more traditional enclosed galleries could be created.

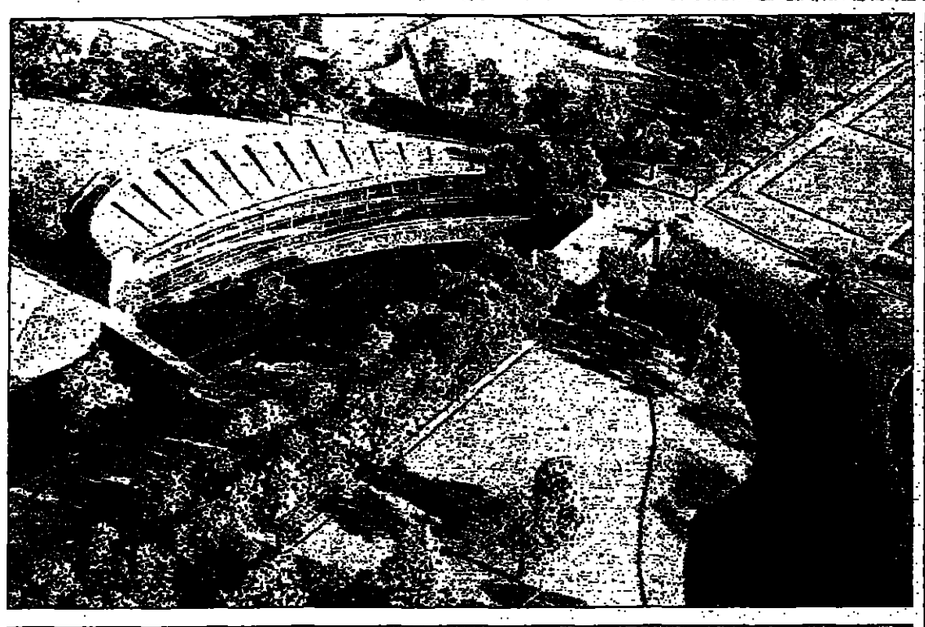
Foster's machete plan, with the ground ramped up behind, provides an open-air sculpture platform on the roof. Farrell, by contrast, boldly offers the city a major new monument. "It's a castle building at the end of a causeway like Mont Saint Michel," he says. His site is high above the river, where a Robert Adam house stood until 1901. His intention is to create a dialogue with the towers and turrets of the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Scott's University, and his building has a powerful silhouette with prominent upstanding roof lights grouped symmetrically around a rotunda.

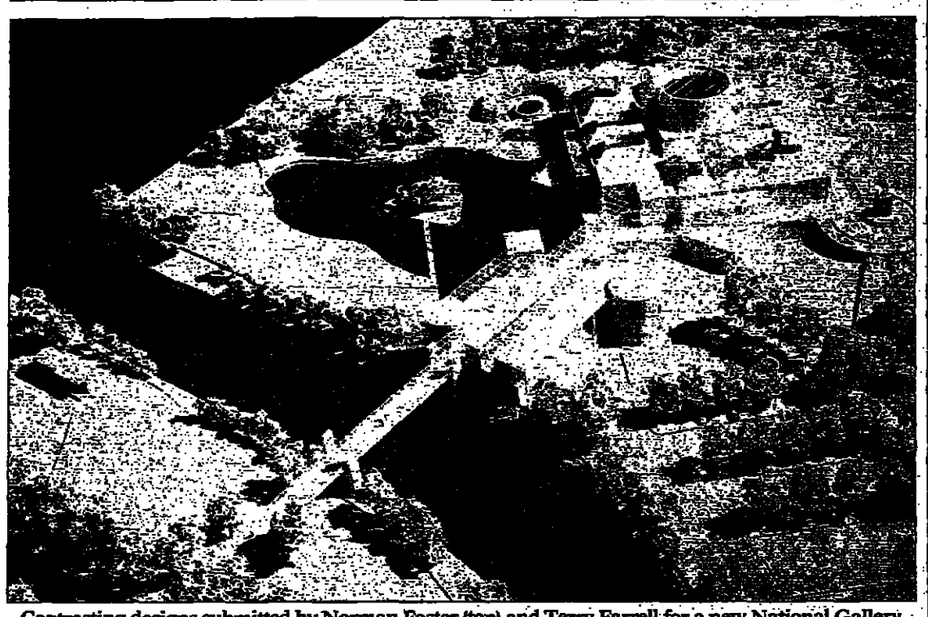
> 'North of the border, the knives are already flashing'

He has ingeniously placed the restaurant, shops, offices, and lecture rooms in a separate fore building, like a medieval barbican. "In this way, it is outside the high security air-conditioned envelope of the galleries, and can be opened separately at night," says Farrell.

The main gallery building is square in plan, but drama is given by a corner entrance and a strong diagonal axis. Projecting terraces turn the layout into an eight-point star like a renaissance fort. The strong geometry incorporates a wide mix of galleries, large and small, high and low. Farrell also extends the gallery space with glasshouses built against the outside walls. "Here, we can display artifacts which are not sensitive to light, allowing visitors to enjoy the sense of being lost in a large park."

Page and Park have been given the task of converting the old sheriff's courts in the city centre: a fine group of monumental Glasgow frontages in opulent classical style. It was Page and Park who originally proposed that the new gallery should come to Glasgow, producing a scheme with Classical House Limited, the developers of the Italian Centre. This would have paid the cost of the move, but the trustees, mindful of the fracas over commercial involvement in the National Gallery extension in London, decided against such an approach.





Contrasting designs submitted by Norman Foster (top) and Terry Farrell for a new National Gallery of Scottish Art in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Park, the site of the city's great exhibitions in 1901 and 1911

Page and Park's design offers a new slant on the modernist's dilemma in preserving facades. They have created an entirely new building inside, "like a jewellery casket," says David Page. This is set back behind the preserved facade, providing a continuous run of circulation and public space between. It also neatly avoids the harrowing problem of trying to marry windows and levels; that would be almost impossible, given the requirement for top-lit galleries.

Page and Park's drawings show a salmon-coloured casket within white walls. "We'd like to do it in Glasgow sandstone, but this would be too expensive. So we're thinking of plaster with a hand-worked finish, so smooth you will want to touch it," says Page. The building would have a green copper roof, its underside visible over the internal perimeter street.

The Edinburgh alternative is also shortly to go to the National Gallery trustees. This has been designed by Scottish architects Reiach and Hall. It is a renovation of Thomas Hamilton's handsome Dean College with a major extension almost tripling it in size. But it is designed to make the most of a park setting, and create a museum island with the Gallery of Modern Art and new central offices for all the gallery staff.

The trustees meet in July to make a first assessment of the various proposals and an announcement will be made at the end of August about the preferred location. The Scottish Office will reach a decision by January 1994 and construction of the gallery could begin later that year.

After the bitter controversy last year over the designs for the Museum of Scotland extension in Edinburgh, what strikes one about the present exercise is the high quality and sensitivity of the contributions. Or that is how it may seem to English eyes. North of the border, the knives are already flashing. "We do not want bloody English architects with knighthoods coming up here and designing major Glasgow buildings," says Gavin Stamp, the city's most formidable resident critic.

LONDON CONCERTS

Blows make a dramatic impact

THE popularity of the trumpet seems to increase in leaps and bounds. Several record companies now have their own trumpeter-in-residence, and there has recently been a flood of works for trumpet and orchestra.

Apart from the Swede Hakan Hardenberger, nobody can take greater credit for the spate of new compositions than John Wallace. In recent years he has introduced works by Tim Souster, Maxwell Davies and Malcolm Arnold, and this year alone he has tackled new pieces by Robert Saxton, Dominic Muldowney, John Hopkins and James MacMillan. On Monday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall he gave Muldowney's Trumpet Concerto with the Premiere Ensemble under Mark Wigglesworth.

Muldowney is the musical director of the National Theatre, and his works have for some time displayed a histrionic streak. The stage for the Trumpet Concerto takes ten minutes to set, with soloist and conductor back to back, strings and wind ranged across the stage, and a clarinet and percussion group at each side.

The chief "protagonists" in the drama are distinguished by different tempos, which they are fed through headphones on a "click track". The clarinets and percussion have a tempo of 90 crotchets to a minute, the strings and wind 120, and the trumpet and piano an agile 140. One can only marvel at the skill with which all the musicians adhered to their internal clocks. Yet this is no dry exercise in mathematics. Rather Muldowney delights in playing games: games of rhythm where the protagonists interact, and games of timbre (at one point, woodwinds imperceptibly take over from a high trumpet note quietly sustained). Melodic interest is fragmentary, but this turns out to be another game, for the theme, constantly hinted at, remains tantalisingly incomplete.

Impressive as the Premiere Ensemble and Wigglesworth were in this work, their accounts of two symphonies by Mozart (No 39 in E flat and No 41 in C) were more *mixed*. I relished the vigour of the fast movements and the shapely inflections of much of the phrasing. But in matters of ensemble the Premiere cannot afford to become complacent.

Despite their name, the talented percussion quartet *Ensemble* Bash have an ear for the finer points of their art. The sheer variety of instruments — from bongos to Japanese temple gongs (actually flowerpots, it was confessed, but a servicable alternative) — laid across the Purcell Room stage gave notice that this was to be a display of timbral as well as rhythmic diversity.

That diversity was heard most effectively in Lukas Foss's Quartet, less so in John Woolrich's undisciplined *Märchen* and in Graham Fitkin's brutish *Hook*. Why bother with marimbas if, like Fitkin, you are simply going to beat the hell out of them?

The most impressive displays of rhythmic complexity (by both composer and performers) were in John Cage's Second and Third Constructions, and Simon Limbrick's *Drum Gods*, a piece which showed how four pairs of drumsticks alone can strike sparks of the humorous variety. But for naked rhythmic power it would be difficult to out-do the Senegalese circumcision dance, whose driving, hypnotic beat set the show on the road.

BARRY MILLINGTON

It pays to think big

ONE of Britain's most munificent arts patrons is proposing to give away another £100,000 or so. Vivien Duffield is seeking applications from the theatre world — and particularly from companies seeking to attract young audiences — for the second year of her awards scheme.

The first, for opera, was won this year by Welsh National Opera for a project to bring together three operas on the Cinderella theme. There may be more than one award made, but the Vivien Duffield Foundation is encouraging applicants to think big: the scale of any successful project is expected to be at least £30,000. Details from the foundation, Unit 3, Flood Street, London SW3 5SR.

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THE Old Master collection of the Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle in County Durham is one of the less known artistic resources of Britain. A Victorian family collection, it contains important works by El Greco (acquired in 1869 for £8), Goya, Courbet, Boucher and Heemskerck. While the museum is in the process of being refurbished, a selection of key works is on show at the National Gallery (71-839 3321) until Sunday.

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What happens when a professional playwright meets amateur actors?

Comic clash of cultures

What makes a large corporation want to associate itself with amateur theatre? Am-dram suggests remorselessly cheerful musicals, shaky scenery and a green-roomful of aspiring luvvies. What kind of *image does this foster? But in* sponsoring the BT Biennial, British Telecom's marketing department has displayed an uncommon shrewdness. At £30,000, the sponsorship sum is a spit of BT's profits. And there are an estimated 12,000 amateur theatre organisations in Britain, the most respectable of which belong to the Little Theatre Guild. Their work is often solid and entertaining and boasts high artistic standards. *In some cases* the companies provide the only drama in their region. This is Britain's hidden theatre, and it is huge.

The Biennial was inaugurated in 1991 when John Godber's play *Happy Families* was premiered by 50 amateur theatre companies on the same night. The productions for the most part went so well that the Little Theatre Guild is preparing another multiple premiere for October. The latest stage in the process occurred last weekend.

It could in itself have been a play. A training centre in rural Staffordshire was the setting for an improbable clash of cultures. Characters included sharp marketing types, a professional theatre company, representatives from more than 50 amateur theatres, and a balding and bespectacled playwright.

The last is none other than Peter Whelan, author of *The Accrington Pals* and *The Bright and Bold Design*, whose latest play, *The School of Night*, has just finished its run at the Royal Shakespeare Company's Pit. Whelan is a "serious" writer, whose plays debate cultural and political ideas. A rather dry fellow, surely, for the likes of amateur theatre companies, who thrive on more foot-tapping fare?

Whelan has pre-empted any such problems by letting his hair down. "It was a commission which allowed me to do what I wanted," he explained cheerfully. "I've never written a comedy, and I've had an idea for one for about two or three years, so I grabbed the opportunity."

GAETAN COTTON

Peter Whelan: rather too dry for the amateur theatre?

The resulting play, *Shakespeare Country*, follows in the footsteps of William of that ilk. Whelan describes it as "a kind of modern *Midsummer Night's Dream* that takes place in Stratford". The play is consciously Shakespearean in structure. "In essence, it's not dissimilar to the way you'd present a Shakespeare play. You could do it very minimally or, if you have a bit more money to spend, very gorgeously." Minimalism is likely to be the order of the day. The average production budget of the companies I spoke to is around £400.

Whelan swears that although writing for amateur theatres, he has in no sense lowered his sights. Even so, the cast of characters, the inclusion of Country and Western songs and the palpable Bardolatry make this a riskily comic cocktail.

"I know I can get facetious in comedy," says Whelan disarmingly. "You have to try to intertwine a serious outlook as well. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is about people's relationships falling apart and then being put back together again."

Has he pulled it off? The response was mixed. "My first reaction was that the play might be trite," admitted John Coppock, a retired mechanical engineer who is to direct the show at Rugby Theatre. "There was a feeling that we might have been written down to. But on further study the play is much more complex than that. The inter-relationships, the comedy, the magic, what you can do with it visually, make it very *exciting*."

Not everybody saw such potential, and Whelan endured a tough session of questions. The mood was markedly more positive by the end of the weekend once Orchard Theatre Company, a professional outfit, had presented a workshop-reading. Given that Whelan cannot be in fifty-odd places at once, the gathering was intended to substitute for the close conversations that would normally take place between a director and a writer.

"There was a certain amount of worry that the characters were stereotypical and had not much depth," says Bill Buffery, director of Orchard Theatre Company. "I don't think it's an easy play, it has a level of expertise and sensitivity. A lot of companies might have been tempted to withdraw from the project without seeing quite what was in front of them. But by the end of the weekend most people had been persuaded by the play, they saw that the characters weren't crass."

They will know for certain in October. Meanwhile, the organisers are already looking towards the third Biennial in 1995, by which time amateur theatre's public profile should be another step advanced. Given this, and the project's newsworthiness, it is surprising that in some quarters the whole affair is seen as dangerous and radical.

"In our theatre it has been quite controversial," admits Hazel Tolley of the Highbury Theatre in Sutton Coldfield. "We had to fight very hard for it. There's an element which says, 'We mustn't take risks'. A lot of people will criticise it because it's not run of the mill. On the other hand, I've already had loads of people applying to me for a part."

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Nicola Beauman on a life of 'Sachie' Sitwell, who never got over his mother's imprisonment for fraud

Butterfly broken upon a wheel

According to Sarah Bradford, "Life was never dull with the Sitwells, whose circle of friends encompassed everyone who was clever, amusing or talented in London." Well, it depends on what you think is amusing. The "everyone" in this context means Stephen Tennant, Constant Lambert or Gerald Berners (as in "by mid-October they were back at Weston, where their first weekend guests were the Mosleys, Berners, Rex Whistler and Walton"). In fact it was a very limited segment of inter-war life, and any reader of this biography must already stand convinced of the Sitwells' centrality.

Yet the Sitwells made a large impact on British literary life. Edith's poetry is well-known; Osbert was a successful writer, especially with his multi-volumed autobiography; Sacheverell ("Sachie") was a prolific and admired poet and wrote over 80 books. Why is it then that few read him nowadays? Why is it that when in 1973 John Pearson went to interview Sachie, he "realised that I had been regarding him as dead — a piece of history along with the other two"?

It was because they were so much of their time. They dated so quickly that no sooner had their art, wit and style, their particular form of aestheticism, become well-known, than they were out of fashion again. In 1923, because of *Façade*, they were famous overnight; a mere 10 years later Sachie's latest volume of poetry was greeted with ridicule. Once the Auden group had emerged, Sitwellian whimsy was deemed politically quite incorrect. The "pylon school" (Waugh's phrase for Auden, Isherwood, Spender and Orwell) "ganged up and captured the decade".

But it is simply because they were so much part of the 1920s that the Sitwells retain their own idiosyncratic fascination. It was not entirely Sachie's fault that he became stuck in a time-warp where people spent Saturday to Monday (never the "weekend", too bourgeois, too middle-class) at, typically, Wilsford "in a setting of lawns shadowed by ilex trees and a river overhung with willow"; where they dressed up (both pictures on the cover show Sachie in fancy dress); where they travelled comfortably in purring motor cars; where, most of all, they began books thus:

Earlier, there had been torn and ragged moonlight,
after a stormy sunset. To all quarters of the winds,
in the imagination, near and far, from the gilded cocks
upon the steeple, that crows and claps his wings, down
to thunderous Acroceraunia.

For Sachie never wanted to forget — and could not think of giving up on — the privileged world into which, in 1897, he had been born, where people had titles and servants, went to Eton and Balliol, expected easy success and, above all, money. Without the latter he felt more than angry and aggrieved: he felt abandoned. He had, after all, been brought up in a house "happily situated above working coal seams which had restored the family fortunes".

Alas, his mother had been famous spendthrift and in 1915 was put on trial for fraud, the result of her efforts to pay off debts of £12,000 (about £500,000 nowadays). Yet her letters to her children were an endless moan about her husband's meanness and her resulting "poverty", so that an aura of moneylenders was as much part of nursery life as nannies or milk pudding. By 1915, the year of the trial, when Sachie was 18, he himself had embarked on "an orgy of collecting... ordering objects far beyond his means and, increasingly, failing to pay his bills". He already saw possessions as compensation for maternal love. Hardly surprising, then, that getting and spending would, for Sachie, always be more financial than sexual, that the women he admired would be beautiful and talented decorative objects of desire rather than companions.

SACHEVERELL SITWELL
Splendours and Miseries
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Sinclair-Stevenson, £20

Sitwell: a whimsical failure?

Sarah Bradford plausibly suggests that the shock of his mother's imprisonment "led to a flight from reality; for the rest of his life he would be unable to face up to unpleasant facts". It meant, too, that he hung on to the Sitwell values according to which he had been brought up and never, for example, lost his silliness, his selfishness, or his jealous rejection of most of his fellow writers.

To the end of his life nothing changed. In 1951 his wife insisted on breaking off relations with their son Reresby because, for no obvious reason, she disliked the woman he had chosen to marry. "Georgia informed all their friends that Reresby and Penelope were neither to be given wedding presents nor to be invited to their houses. She was ruthless. Sachie, accustomed as he was to family feuds, took her side."

Sachie considered himself a failure, but never apparently wondered why the world had moved on without him. Lack of self-knowledge also meant that he failed to cherish and develop what he *was* good at. For example, I have grown fond of lines like these:

When shops are lit,
sleet falls in the Midlands
And it is cold without and in,
I am back at the white columns of the Cappucini
with the long stairway leading down to the sea,
Listening to the Sicilienne!

And *Liszt* (1934) is considered even by musicians to be one of the best books on the composer ever written. Alas, Sarah Bradford does not tell us whether Sachie was musical. We do know that it was his idea to commission Walton to write the music for *Façade*; we know that he pursued his "passion for music" by writing other biographies of composers. But we are not told whether or not he understood the work of those about whom he wrote; perhaps it did not matter.

If Sachie's siblings had not pandered to his vanity, ("people who don't recognise you as a great poet... are simply making fools of themselves") they might have helped him towards self-knowledge. When he had a huge success with *Southern Baroque Art*, and was responsible for the revival of interest in Baroque art and architecture, his admirers must have wished he had stayed with that subject. Nor have his travel volumes lasted, although books like the recently reprinted *Roumanian Journey* do manage to evoke a vanished world. (In a sometimes sickening way: most people will prefer to stop reading three pages before the end to avoid the brazen anti-Semitism: "This Jewish population has begun to swarm, and it is difficult to see what form of emigration can be of any help to it.")

Despite Sachie's obnoxious aspects, he still holds a peculiar charm and interest and a small proportion of his work will never be forgotten. It is a pity that this well-written and well-assembled biography concentrates so much on friends, money and travel and so little on the work. Here is a familiar paradox, that the engagement diaries of writers are often more interesting to biographers than their books. The same paradox meant that Sachie's financial difficulties were finally ended in 1964 when he sold his papers to Texas and made more money from his diaries, letters and notebooks than he ever had from his writing. It was ever thus, and biographers know it.

Nicola Beauman's Morgan: a biography of E.M. Forster *(Hodder & Stoughton) was reviewed in these pages by Peter Ackroyd on April 29.*

Flights on the banks of Thames

Peter Ackroyd

TURNER AND THE THAMES
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Yale University Press, £25

THE ENGLISH JOURNEY
Journal of a visit to France and Britain in 1826
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In 1805 Turner moved to Syon Ferry House beside the Thames at Isleworth, and began to sketch the great river in oils and watercolours. But although this was a "backwater" it was by no means a retreat and, as David Hill explains in this illuminating book, the artist believed that "proximity to the Thames was essential to becoming and remaining himself".

In fact he stayed beside it all his life: if in his early work he is interested in decaying buildings and in the texture of old stone, he seems to have divined a similar archaic presence within the river itself. It was a period when the Thames was considere a useful adjunct to the picturesque, but Turr understood it beer than that; he tablished a mor intense and draatic engage-me with it, so thseven a stan-da "view" is transformed.

ere are times when he seems cl to Spenser's "Sweet Thames" (Claude), but he also knew it as tetcher and carrier of all hopes, tlark presence within the city of cness which was later to be norialised by Conrad, Whistler Eliot. One of Hill's virtues is extent to which he examines ner's preoccupation with the utiae of light and shade, and h that fine detail which intensi- the reality of the scene. Of a itercolour of Old Blackfriars idge, he says: "We learn that the ver is tidal from the discolour-ion of the piers, and that it is obing, since that discolouration is ark and therefore still wet."

Turner was born very close to the old bridge, in Maiden Lane, where the Thames had its malodorous aspects; but it seems that Turner generally harboured a more primitive sense of the river as the bringer of life — and, for him, not just life but light and brilliance. In the watercolour sketches which he completed at Isleworth, you sense the extraordinary rapt intensity with which he invested the riverine landscape; the actual radiance and harmony of the colours provide a sensation which is not unlike that of gazing at the river itself. Here are pictures of two swans rising lazily from the surface of the water, of a ferry crossing between the banks, of a barge floating downstream: but all of them reveal Turner's own energy and delight, as if he were somehow painting aspects of his own being at the same time. The free handling and the marks of improvisation suggest that these works were taken from nature and not finished in the studio. As David Hill explains: "We can see where he dabbled both fingers and cuffs in the paint."

This is a biographical as well as a critical account of Turner's various expeditions along the Thames. Hill follows the artist's route, paces in his footsteps, times his arrivals and departures in the various locations and even checks on the weather conditions at the time. He provides details of Turner's daily expenses, of his travelling paintbox, of the cramped circumstances in which he sketched through the wind and the rain. He has also photographed many of the scenes which Turner chose, and in that contrast between the photographic image and even the roughest sketch we see the transforming power of the artist's imagination. The book is in this sense a wonderful introduction to the history of the Thames. For Turner himself that history can include the whole wealth of legend and association; as Hill puts it: "Dido and Aeneas meet near Richmond, Pompey and Cornelia at Lesbos on Thames, Portia waves goodbye to Brutus at Isleworth."

And then, in 1826, Karl Friedrich Schinkel found rooms in a coffee house by the same river. He was Counsellor for Public Works in Prussia as well as a professor of architecture, and he had come to London to examine the construction of the British Museum. But it can hardly be said that he possessed the same sensibility as that of Turner. Schinkel had arrived in the Great Wen, the Oven, Babylon, in order to understand the future rather than to study the past.

It has always been one of the characteristics of the city that it should contain many time zones within it, so that the traveller can wander in any or every direction. For Schinkel the Thames was stripped of its ancient trappings ad its mythological reminiscences and became the site of experiments with advanced technology — in particular, Brunel's plans to build a tunnel under the Thames between Wapping and Rotherhithe.

In *Rain, Steam and Speed — the Great Western Railway*, Turner had considered Brunel's new bridge at Maidenhead as part of some fantastic ceremony of light and shadow; but Schinkel saw the pipes, the gauges and the iron girders. As David Bindman puts it in his very interesting introduction, "nothing in the Journal is more vivid than the quick sketches he jotted down of steam-powered trip hammers and other unfamilar machines". Bindman also makes the important point that the Prussian found "a consumer society" in the very process of formation.

But there *is* another aspect to Schinkel's journal. He notices the cleanliness of the people and the antics of Paul Pry at Astley's Theatre, he jots down the details of an election meeting at Oxford, and records how he drinks ginger beer in a coffee house and breakfasts on ale and porter. (His interest in food and drink was not shared by his companion, Beuth, who declared that "England was a country of 40 religions but only two sauces").

This is also a beautifully edited and produced book: the footnotes offer an indispensable guide to the early 19th century, while the illustrations provide their own prospective upon a city which provoked an enduring fascination in artist and reporter, engineer and poet. As another German, Heine, put it, London "defies the imagination and breaks the heart".

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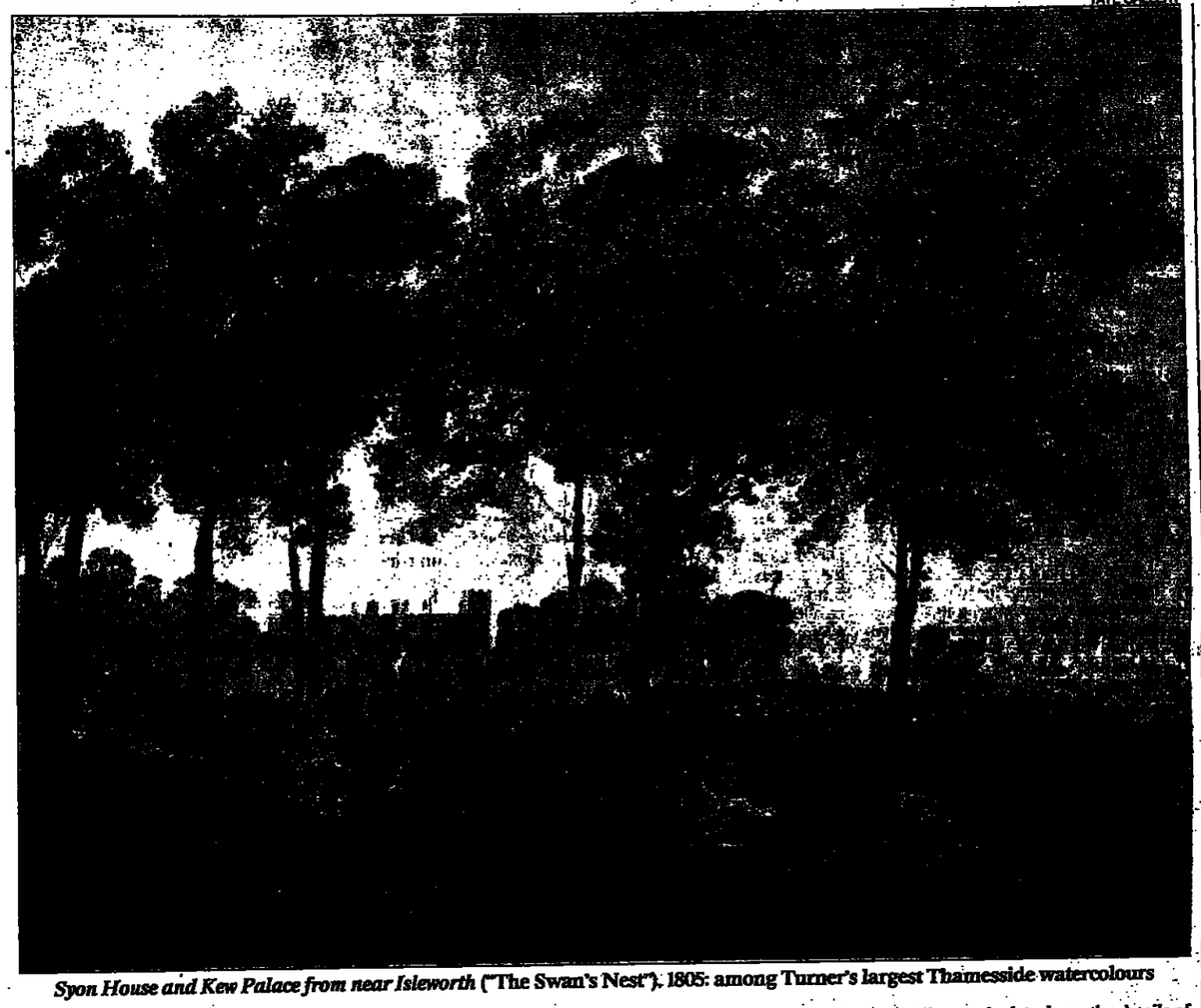


Syon House and Kew Palace from near Isleworth ("The Swan's Nest"), 1805: among Turner's largest Thamesside watercolours

Bright book of fierce life

Christopher Hawtree

THE LETTERS OF D.H. LAWRENCE
Volume VII, 1928-30
Edited by James Boulton and Keith Sagar
Cambridge University Press, £60

The letters of D.H. Lawrence bring out the energy in his editors. Within two years of his death Aldous Huxley assembled a hefty volume which, with all the shape and pace of a novel, helped to sustain Lawrence's reputation, prompting many a comparison with Keats. Now James Boulton and his collaborators have brought out a critical edition, of which this is the seventh and last volume. If these volumes do not have the same intensity, they can hardly be blamed for that. Unlike the "collected" edition by Harry Moore in 1962, it brings together everything, and great interest lurks in the most unlikely corner.

This is not diminished by the prospect of death which hangs over those last 15 months and 700 pages of travelling around Europe. By now, *Lady Chatterley's Lover* was "becoming, like *Ulysses*, an accepted fact", moreover one by which "I put myself on my feet". Obliged to publish it himself, Lawrence realised that more money had accrued this way than by those "mean agreements and five per-cent beggaries" which had beset so industrious a life. He would indeed "never start another novel for the publishers", and one can only regret that he did not continue that fragment, *The Flying-Fish*, which was to have straddled contemporary Mexico and Elizabethan England.

The fame of "Our Lady", as he often called his final novel, has gone before him, unduly so. "Marriage itself is the difficulty," he consoled the occultist Frederick Carter. This is the true theme of that novel, but how much more stimulating is Lawrence's life itself. A high proportion of the volume is previously unpublished, perhaps because it often deals with business matters. All this acquires a rhythm and a place amid such higher drama as the suicide of Harry Crosby and the mysterious end of Arthur Manby — not to mention the police raid on his paintings. "Shall burst with rage if they burn them," he remarks from Florence to Juliette Huxley in a previously unknown series. At 97, she is perhaps the last of his surviving friends, although the bearded Lawrence might have made an impression on Martin Secker's 18-month-old son, Adrian.

Of Aldous Huxley he remarks: "There are many men in a man." It is the abundance and diversity of Lawrence in his work and life, now more apparent than ever, which have defied anybody to produce a satisfyingly inclusive biography. Within a few pages, he mentions the desire to write an Indian novel, has a growing passion for trees and produces a spoof, two-sentence *Life of J. Middleton Murry* as written by Jesus Christ (given the number A51 in his bibliography). Lawrence will continue to fascinate, just as he exasperates. This edition, admirably annotated, so augments the familiar story that a new one-volume version would surely be welcomed by Huxley's spirit.

Jewels of the peacock throne

Margaret Erskine

THE ART OF THE PERSIAN COURTS
Selections from the Art and History Trust Collection
By Abolala Soudavar
Rizzoli, £55

This superbly illustrated and beautifully produced reference work is written to accompany an exhibition of the Art and History Trust collection of Islamic art, currently touring America. More than a catalogue of the exhibition (there are extensive essays on artists, schools and the kings who employed them) this book details almost two hundred of the finest Persian manuscripts: miniatures, paintings, coins, seals, lacquer and metalwork — but with the emphasis on calligraphy and painting — from the collection formed by the eminent Persian scholar Abolala Soudavar.

Soudavar comes from a family of connoisseurs: his mother is an important collector of Persian art, and his grandfather's library in Tehran is part of the shrine of the eighth Imam at Mashad. He is therefore well qualified to guide the reader through the turbulent history of Iran and her art, and even readers with no knowledge of the subject will find the story comprehensible.

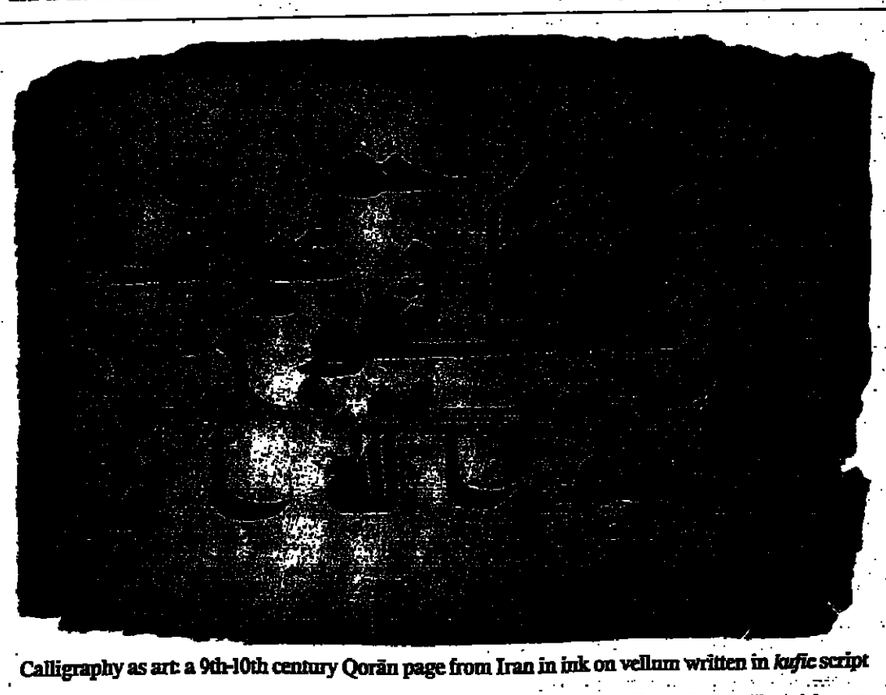
Over the centuries Iran has been able to accommodate and assimilate the best from her invaders, including Alexander the Great — who, although he conquered and partly destroyed the ancient capital, Persepolis, became one of the heroes of Firdausi's epic poem the *Shahnameh* (Book of Kings), written in the early years of the 11th century AD. The Persian ideal of *Khvarenah* (Divine Glory), the belief in the divine right of kings, seems to have enabled the Persians to reconcile their own traditions and styles with those of their foreign conquerors, and to take the best elements from each in turn.

Persia converted to Islam in 637 AD with the invasion of the Muslim Arabs, although it was not until the eleventh century that the whole country turned to the new faith. In the 13th century the country was invaded by Changiz (Genghis) Khan, who was to convert to the Muslim faith. This is the starting-point of the collection; its terminus is the reign of Fath 'Ali Shah, a 19th-century Qajar ruler. The Art and History Trust collection is astonishingly full of the best examples from these six centuries of artistic richness, and the catalogue gives detailed attention to each different Persian dynasty and its artistic style and influences. Each ruler supported and patronised the royal libraries and studios where calligraphers produced splendid manuscripts, and artists illustrated epics and histories with exquisite miniatures.

When Teymur (1336-1405), Marlowe's Tamburlaine, built the great Friday Mosque at Samarkand, his master calligrapher Omar-e Aqta executed a magnificent Koran, thought still to be the largest, and certainly the most majestic, ever produced. Two pages from this most important manuscript are in this collection, which also boasts important examples of all the best of the Persian artists from Behzad of Herat (c. 1467-1535) and the 17th-century artist Reza-e Abbasi of Ishfahan, to the 19th-century court painter Mehr-'Ali.

Among the jewels of the collection are four pages from the sumptuous *Shahnameh* executed at Tabriz in the early 16th century for the Safavid ruler Shah Tahmash, and presented by him as a peace offering to the Ottoman Sultan Salim II. This, arguably the greatest of all Persian manuscripts, took over 20 years to complete, and contains more than 250 illustrations. Inevitably, the influence of artists such as these was not confined to Iran: when the Indian Mughal emperor Humayun returned to India after 15 years in exile at Shah Tahmasb's court, he took with him four Persian artists, who established the Mughal court studio and founded the great tradition of Mughal art.

Soudavar's study of art at the Persian courts will be a useful work for non-specialists as well as an invaluable reference work for students of Islamic art, a field which until now has been dominated by western academics. The collection is a rare opportunity to appreciate an art much of which is now not easily accessible in its native country. These jewels in exile give Western eyes a chance to reflect on a glorious age in the artistic history of Iran.



Calligraphy as art: a 9th-10th century Qorān page from Iran in ink on vellum written in *kufic* script

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Aliens invade culture

The American writers and artists who emerge from Robert Crunden's hefty volume are a sad lot. Born into a country that was suspicious of artists, and valued, above all, religious propriety and business acumen, these "modernists" were actually misfits, unable to make money and usually unable to believe. The likes of Ezra Pound, T. S. Eliot, Hilda Doolittle (HD) and Robert Frost ended up in London or Paris, and found themselves treated with disdain as ugly Americans abroad. Lady Ottoline Morrell thought T. S. Eliot "dull, dull, dull... I felt him monotonous without and within... he's obviously very ignorant of England."

Pound, who managed to worm his way into W. B. Yeats's literary gatherings and hold court, was described by D. H. Lawrence as "a detestable person but needs watching" and by Wyndham Lewis as someone who was and always would be "violently American". Henry James, on breakfasting with the painter James Whistler, a fellow American expatriate in London, described him as "a queer little Londonized Southerner".

Melinda Camber Porter

AMERICAN SALONS
Encounters with European Modernism, 1885-1917
By Robert M. Crunden
OUP, £30

Professor Crunden is no more understanding of the endless array of writers, painters, photographers and musicians whom he terms "modernist" and dumps into his melting pot of anecdotes. From Alfred Stieglitz's 291 Gallery in New York to the jazz musicians of New Orleans; from William James' philosophy to Eugene O'Neill's début at the Provincetown Playhouse; from D. W. Griffith's *The Birth of a Nation* to Edgard Varèse's symphonies, almost every notable artist and artistic event is cursorily summarised and added to this chronicle of elevated gossip.

Crunden does hanker after a theme that will give some cohesion to his potted biographies of Henry James, William James and James Whistler, to his drab evocations of Mabel Dodge's New York salon, and the Stein clan's influential Parisian salons, or the salons of Walter and Louise Arensberg where Man Ray, Wallace Stevens and William Carlos Williams met.

He finds his theme in the term modernism. But little understanding of the aesthetics of modernism, or of the kind of world that inspired and infuriated these artists, is forthcoming. Mainly, Crunden terms them outsiders and "neurotics". A predilection for psychosomatic complaints could be considered as a useful defining characteristic of his collection of modernist misfits such as H. L. Mencken and William James.

Crunden's favoured definition of modernism is "a collection of various new languages, or means of expression, which outsiders developed to express their sense of alienation". But the famous credos of romanticism were also the views of proud pariahs from society who rejected the materialistic values of their age. From Ovid to Voltaire, from Socrates to Oscar Wilde, has it not often been the chosen fate of the writer and artist to be an outsider? Certainly the fate of Crunden's modernists was a good deal kinder than those of their forebears who chose to question the assumptions of their age.

Similarly, the seminal influence of salons and their truly magnetic appeal is never explored in depth. "Salons, charming as they are," writes Crunden, "come and go." One longs to delve into the very nature of salon life, to understand the inspirational support that a community of like minds could offer to the dispossessed experimental artist who often had no audience, except for his salon confrères.

Crunden's reductionist criticism, his habit of categorising without elucidating his categories, points to the serious defects implicit in much academic terminology. For the critical label, be it "modernism" or "romanticism" never does come close to evoking the work of the creative artist. When members of the so-called *Nouvelle Vague* of film makers heard that they had been classified as a group with a label, they protested. It was the invention of journalists, they said. Unwittingly, Crunden has done us a service by making us wonder whether such terms as "modernism" really mean anything at all.

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Laski campaigning in 1945: baited by the Tory press, he sued, lost and died within three years

Chairman Laski's big red books

Ian McIntyre on the socialist thinker to whom Clement Attlee wrote that "a period of silence on your part would be welcome"

Would you let your daughter marry an intellectual? For the parents of Winifred Mary Kerry, comfortable farming folk from Suffolk, the question posed briefly in the summer of 1911 was supremely idle. Frida was 25. Seven years previously, against her mother's wishes, she had gone off to study at the Swedish Royal College of Gymnastics. She now taught physical education and practised as a masseuse. She was also a Fabian, and a convert to the "new religion" of eugenics.

Miss Kerry's young man was called Harold. He was the second son of Nathan Laski, Manchester Jewry's authoritarian "Communal King". As a child he had been sickly and his record at Manchester Grammar School was undistinguished. In 1910 he had nonetheless won an exhibition at New College to read history. Two months before the start of his Oxford career he and Frida eloped and were married in Glasgow Town Hall. He was 18.

An early attempt to blow up the men's lavatory at Oxted Station (Harold shared his wife's suffragette zeal) went undetected, and he was soon launched on the career of teaching, writing and political activism that would continue until his early death in 1950. Moshe Shertok, a pupil in 1921, left a vivid cameo: "Thin and dark as a Yeshiva student. He is the supreme example of the perspicacious Jew, always negating and criticising. He destroys but he does not build anew."

I entertain a mild prejudice against writers who prefer political correctness to historical accuracy. Laski did not become, as Michael Newman has it, the "chair" of the Labour party, he was its chairman. Biographers should not attempt to improve the tone of times past by moonlighting as anachronists.

They should also eschew conspiracy theory. Professor Newman, who has a chair of politics at the University of North London, is unwise to dismiss criticisms of Laski's views as "a product of the Cold War" and "a quite deliberate attempt to confine him to the 'dustbin of history'". If that is where Laski currently resides, he hopped in unaided. Intellectual grasshoppers get into the strangest places.

Newman describes his book as a political biography, but he provides few clues to what made Laski tick. What we are offered is a didactic analysis of his subject's mercurial and often confused thought-processes. He regards Laski highly: "His trajectory through pluralism, and Fabianism, and his simultaneous lurch towards both Marxism and the New Deal expressed the hopes of many in his age."

HAROLD LASKI
A Political Biography
By Michael Newman
Macmillan, £45

HAROLD LASKI
A Life on the Left
By Isaac Kramnick and Barry Sheerman
Hamish Hamilton, £25

These lurchings did not excite the unfailing admiration of Labour party colleagues. In the 1930s Laski believed that a United Front campaign against the National Government could both preserve peace and defeat fascism. On a visit to the Soviet Union he compared Andrei Vyshinsky, chief prosecutor in Stalin's show trials, to Jeremy Bentham. Having tried to unseat Attlee on the day the latter was called to the Palace in 1945, he wrote within days to solicit the Washington Embassy.

Hugh Dalton sneered in his diary at Laski's "far-left Yideology". Attlee was kinder but more devastating: "A brilliant chap, but he talked too much." He wrote too much, too, and his academic writing was less good than his letters and his journalism, although on his day he could demonstrate impressive insight: "He is brilliant, jealous, eager for applause, quick, incoherent," — this of Ramsay MacDonald — "the last person who ought ever to lead a party."

He himself was the last person who should ever have been Labour party chairman, least of all during the 1945 election campaign, and the Conservatives tried all they knew to tar Labour with the Laski brush. Afterwards, he unwisely sued a Tory paper for libel. In five hours of brutal cross-examination, Sir Patrick Hastings destroyed him. "He wept," Frida said, "as I have never seen a man weep." Afterwards he wrote of himself as a pariah, and within three years he was dead.

Of these two centenary studies that by Professor Kramnick and Barry Sheerman is much the more readable and entertaining. It is, indeed, something of a *tour de force*, because of all literary genres, biography calls for one pen directed by a single mind. They are not less well-disposed to Laski than Newman, but they have achieved a more rounded and objective account and bring him much more sympathetically alive.

If colleagues mistrusted him, he was loved by his pupils. He was very generous: "One can warm one's hands at his heart," wrote Rebecca West. Such was the generosity of his job recommendations that few took them seriously. "Everyone was a swan," Ralph Milliband said, "or a combination of Marx, Freud and Einstein."

A fastidious dresser, he was fond of Trollope and loved playing Monopoly. Driving a car was beyond him, and he wasn't even very good at cutting bread; he could, however, recite long lists of English bowling and batting averages, an accomplishment he sometimes mobilised to put down students rash enough to evince disdain of intellectuals or socialists.

His influence on the Third World was powerful. "The centre of Nehru's thinking was Laski," wrote John Kenneth Galbraith, although how good a thing that was for the peasantry of Gujarat and Maharashtra could naturally be debated.

"We had a lifetime of adventure and interest," said Frida, who outlived him by 28 years. For his coffin she borrowed Heine's less prosaic words: "a soldier in the liberation war of humanity".

Privatise welfare, nationalise charity

An acceptance that the problem of welfare is ultimately insoluble is changing the role of the voluntary sector from pioneer partner to central player. The pressure to maintain this revolutionary change comes from the business sector which is engaged in the takeover of the voluntary sector. This is Tom Lloyd's thesis.

What cannot be denied is that Lloyd's scenario was the agenda to which the Thatcher governments were working in their early days. It was never a real starter. Events taught the government that the world did not easily commend itself to the simple phrases which so adorn election manifestos. That did not stop staff musing over how to recreate a pre-welfare state Britain during a happy hour in Downing Street after a hard day's work.

Frank Field

THE CHARITY BUSINESS
By Tom Lloyd
John Murray, £19.95

What did happen was a conscious building up of the voluntary sector as a provider of services on behalf of the state, detailed in Lloyd's fascinating appendix. The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, the Spastics Society, Barnardos and the Salvation Army pull in about £100 million of taxpayers' money. The lesson here is that the government's pump-priming has underwritten some of the most imaginative of social welfare initiatives. Another table shows that only Barnardos and the Salvation Army manage to combine receipt of massive taxpayers' largesse with a larger backing from the public.

Yet recent events are having a big impact on charitable work. The cutback in private giving is now being matched by retrenchment by the government. This is putting at risk the range of services which customers have come to expect of the voluntary sector.

Two sets of figures produced by Lloyd show why it is unreasonable to expect charities to replace the welfare state. First, the charitable income of the top 100 fundraising bodies rose during the 1980s but now appears stuck at around £1.2 billion. Second, the size of the charitable sector is estimated by Lloyd as equal to the budget of the Welsh Office — significantly, one of the smaller departments.

The book breaks new ground by bringing together all that is worth knowing about Britain's large charities, including information about the big givers. Many of today's most generous donors behave like their medieval predecessors. They endow university chairs, have buildings and colleges named after them, and one, Sir John Moores, has had a whole university carrying his name. But medieval society taught the importance of tithing ten per cent of an individual's income. None of those in the Lloyd's big league table comes anywhere near this level of giving.

Lord Rayne tops the list with his annual giving equalling 1.8 per cent of his estimated wealth. Paul Getty comes in third, at 0.7 per cent and the Sainsbury family enter the ranks at fourth equal with George Michael with an annual 0.6 per cent. But the entries here went to press before David Sainsbury's gift of an additional £500 million to his already well-endowed personal trust. Here is giving on a scale to match any medieval prelate. But control of the use of the funds remains in the hands of the giver. Then much more of the assets were handed to third parties — commonly the Church — to carry out work named by the benefactor. Benefactors did not set up charitable trusts which they controlled.

One major contribution to charities comes from firms seconding senior staff. "Doing good" and adding to employment can be combined. Some people in senior positions are pushed into early retirement because their value to the firm no longer merits their high salaries. Here is a huge pool of talent to offer charities.

Frank Field MP was director of the Child Poverty Action Group.

Is Uncle Sam just a whinger?

Ronald Brownstein

THE CULTURE OF COMPLAINT
The Fraying of America
By Robert Hughes
OUP, £12.95

I should hate to cross swords with Robert Hughes at a dinner party. Maybe no critic since H. L. Mencken has had such a gift — or such enthusiasm — for invective. In the first five pages of his new book, Hughes rains elegantly sharpened scorn on the Gulf War, Ronald Reagan, the men's movement, New Age channelers, television, docudramas, Broadway, Oliver Stone, and the corporatisation of rock and roll. All this before we get our coats off!

Hughes is joyously merciless, but in this engaging and invigorating essay, he has more in mind than another diatribe on the banality of the New World. He is more concerned about the centrifugal forces distorting American politics and culture, especially the latter. His acid wit does not obscure his moral purpose; Hughes is a sceptic, not a cynic, and his real target is the extremists, left and right, poisoning the American debate over the arts and education. He has produced an intemperate cry for moderation.

Moderation has been scarce in all aspects of American life for the past quarter century, though particularly rare at what Lionel Trilling once called "the bloody crossroads" of art and politics. As Hughes points out, Americans have always exaggerated the social impact of the arts, with blue-bloods who promoted museums as a source of social uplift really just flipping the coin of blue-noses who condemned Hollywood for corrupting the morals of youth. But this has lately reached ludicrous heights, with politically correct professors indicting the phallocentric tyranny of Milton and Shakespeare, and conservative commentators bugling for a "culture war" to rid the air-waves and the lecture halls of anyone to the left of George Bush.

An Australian native who navigates the international art world for *Time* magazine, Hughes joins in what has become a counter-attack from the cultural centre. For their own reasons, Hughes observes, both the academic left and their conservative scourges have needlessly polarised our choices.

Why, Hughes sensibly asks, must Americans side with either of these unattractive combatants? True multi-culturalism, Hughes writes, is not the racial separatism preached on the left, but its opposite — an appreciation of how cultures interact and blend. Tolerance, curiosity, and openness are not incompatible with the defence of critical standards. You can lash Senator Jesse Helms for intolerance, and still roll your eyes at critics who canonise Robert Mapplethorpe for ramming a bullwhip up his rectum. "The key words," Hughes advises, "must be both/and," not "either/or".

Crossing the street from culture to politics, Hughes loses some of his vigour; his analysis of the 1980s as a triumph of greed and stupidity (in the form of Ronald Reagan) reads too much like chatter at a Manhattan cocktail party. But Hughes has one signal insight: he perceptively links America's political gridlock with the cult of victimisation that has fragmented the culture. People who blame others for their problems resist leaders who ask them to contribute to solutions — as Bill Clinton has discovered.

This 1918 portrait of Georgia O'Keeffe is taken from *Two Lives: A Conversation in Paintings and Photographs* by Georgia O'Keeffe and Alfred Stieglitz (Robert Hale, £25), an elegant volume about a partnership that began in 1918 when O'Keeffe, then an art teacher in Texas, was invited by Stieglitz to New York. The book contrasts her paintings with his photographs, and includes 74 large reproductions.

The culture of complaint may be most flamboyantly visible in the posturing of campus radicals, but it also inspires the mute resistance of white suburbanites to taxes they suspect will end up in the pockets of inner-city blacks. Without the deconstructionist rhetoric, the economically-squeezed home owner outside Atlanta or Detroit increasingly shares with the Afro-centrist academic the suspicion that there isn't really anything that binds all Americans.

Much of what Hughes says in *The Culture of Complaint* is closer to common sense than the thunderclap of insight that some American critics have seen in the book. But even common sense is rare enough in these precincts.

Hughes has read widely, thought carefully, and written splendidly. And he has grasped the main point: that once the ideal and active purpose is abandoned, "the possibilities of American life begin to unravel". On campus, tribalism is a farce; beyond the university's borders, it is closer to tragedy. Ask anyone who has walked through the burned-out store-fronts of South Central Los Angeles.

Mr Brownstein reports from Washington for The Los Angeles

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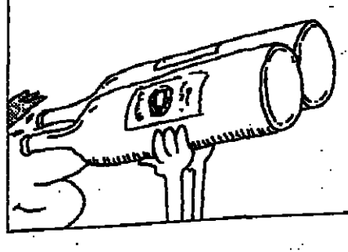
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Forward strength allows Lions to master Taranaki

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW PLYMOUTH

FERDINAND the bull is the Taranaki mascot and the theme is sustained by Mark Allen, the prop who captains the province and rejoices in the nickname of "Bull". At the Rugby Park ground, which resembles an amphitheatre, yesterday, the red-caped British Isles played matador, running up their highest score of the tour.

Not that victory by four goals, three tries and two penalty goals to two goals, a try and two penalties provided an enthusiastic crowd with high drama. It was a workmanlike display by the Lions, whose management were as pleased by the ascendancy of the forwards as they were by the growing confidence with which the backs scored five of the seven tries.

An entertaining display was the least Taranaki deserved after the effort New Plymouth had put into the match. Stuart Barnes, captain for the day and happily recovered from the scalp wound that put him out of consideration for the international last week, paid tribute to the "highest pitch of rugby fever" the Lions had encountered. It was matched by the committed display of Taranaki, whose 25 points came from limited possession.

There has been no more secure first-phase showing from the Lions in their eight matches. Leonard fitted comfortably into the tight-head role, Wright looked happier at loose head than in any previous match and the Lions dominated the lineouts 23-8.

A tougher test will come should the Lions play Leonard in the same position against the stronger Auckland pack on Saturday.

Once more the Lions could not get through a match without making replacements, though none of the three players who went off are seriously injured.

The withdrawal of Robert Jones with a shoulder said to be "bruised" was a happy coincidence for Andy Nicol, as it allowed him to make an unexpected appearance at scrum half.

In the six minutes Nicol was on the pitch, he threw out three passes that made one regret that he is likely to be flying home this weekend.

"We expect our two original scrum halves to be fit," Geoff Cooke, the Lions manager, said. "Andy has had his brief moment as a Lion." In it, Nicol hinted that he would fit in well with the fluid game the coach, Ian McGeechan, wants the Lions to play.

Once they had overcome some basic errors, including being offside at the maul, which helped Taranaki to a penalty advantage of 16-8, and gauged the strength of the gusting wind, the Lions settled into a determined stride.

Cronin and Moore would have been happy with their day's work while Johnson did everything asked of him in his first game of the tour and was still going strong at the end after coming to terms with the new back-foot law at mauls, which did not apply when he was in Canada with England.

His fellow replacement, Cunningham, did even better, scoring two tries in the second half after an uneven first half had ended with the Lions 20-13 to the good. Methodical approach work and good support characterised their play into the wind, much of it supplied by Barnes, who twice kept the ball alive when it seemed to have died.

The Lions were unable to create space for the younger Underwood but his intelligent flick through his legs gave Jones a blind-side try that compensated for some inconsistent tactical kicking from the scrum half.

"We are playing with much more tempo now," McGeechan said.

"We have to play much tighter because the hits are bigger but we are starting to come to terms with that. Our strengths are beginning to show."

It was Galwey's misfortune that a dead leg forced him off when he was beginning to settle into the role of No 8. But Clarke's strength and speed were soon apparent and his combination with Webster took its toll of a tiring defence, while Gibbs also pressed his claims for an international place.

SCORERS: Taranaki: Tries: O'Sullivan, A Slater, McDonald. Conversions: Crowley (2). Penalty goals: Crowley (2). British Isles: Tries: Cunningham (2), Cronin, Teague, Jones, Wallace, Gibbs. Conversions: Barnes (4). Penalty goals: Barnes (2).

TARANAKI: K Crowley; D Murillt, K Mahon, K Eynon, A Martin; J Cameron, W Dombroski; M Allen (captain), S McDonald, G Slater, A Slater, B O'Sullivan, J Roache, F Mahoni, N Hill.

BRITISH ISLES: A Clement (Swansea); R Wallace (Garryowen), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), S Gibbs (Swansea), T Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath, captain), R Jones (Swansea, rep: A Nicol, Dundee HSFP); P Wright (Boroughmuir), B Moore (Harlequins), J Leonard (Harlequins), M Teague (Moseley, rep: K Milne, Heriot's FP), M Johnson (Leicester), D Cronin (London Scottish), R Webster (Swansea), M Galwey (Shannon, rep: B Clarke, Bath).

Referee: S Walsh (Wellington).

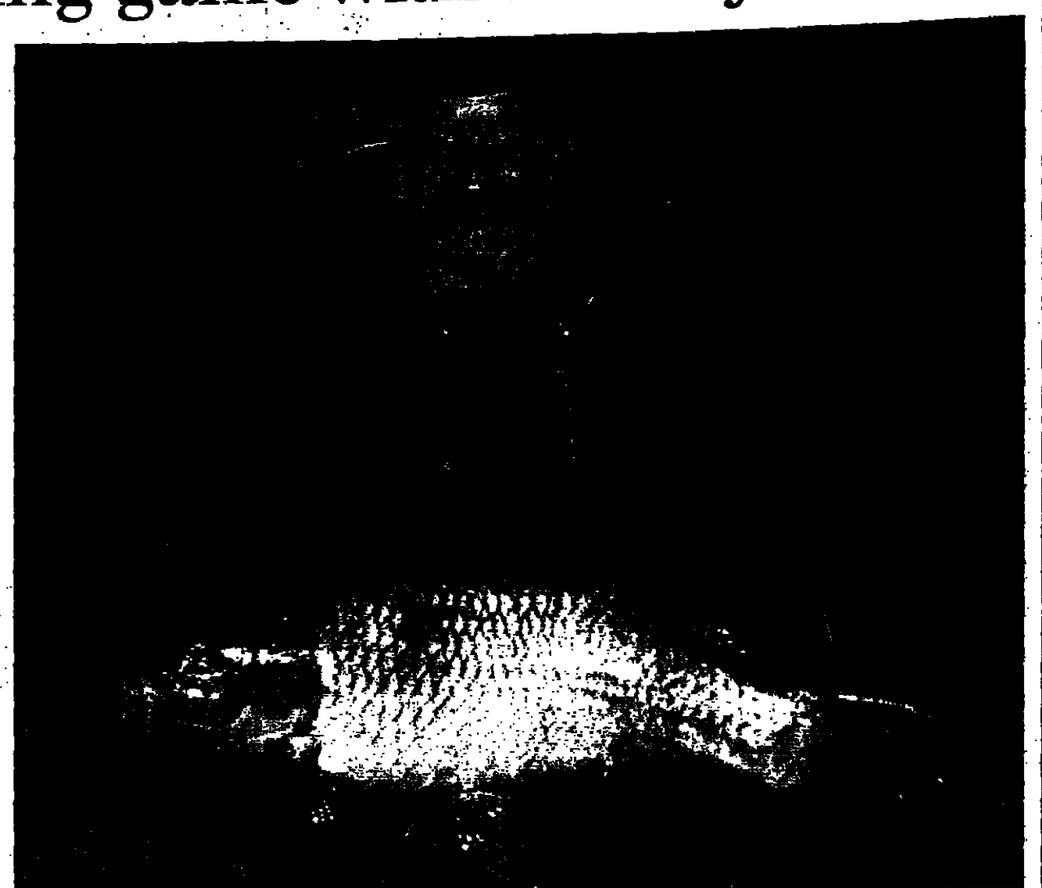
☐ Wade Dooley, who returned home on June 7 after the sudden death of his father, hopes to rejoin the Lions on Saturday.

The England lock has said he wants to return and the New Zealand RFU has facilitated matters by indicating that it has no objection to him returning or to Martin Johnson, his replacement, remaining with the party.

Leonard: comfortable

Waiting game with a heavy catch

A day into the new coarse fishing season, Brian Clarke follows the elusive trail of the specimen hunter



Dedicated follower of fishing: one specimen hunter's vigil is rewarded with a 26½lb common carp

There is nothing that delights the non-angling public more than some small boy wiping an expert's eye or a tyro catching a whopper. It confirms the picture that many have of fishing as a benign and slightly dotty pursuit in which patience and luck are all.

But angling is not like that, of course. Small boys and tyros do sometimes catch corkers but not often. The people who consistently get the biggest fish are those who deserve to. They are the specimen hunters: those who devote their lives — sometimes their entire lives — to the capture of great fish.

More specimen hunters will have been on the rivers and lakes of Britain yesterday than on any other day of the year. The first day of the coarse fishing season, when the fish have been rested and lulled by three months of inattention, can offer the best chance of the year.

Most specimen hunters will not have arrived on the bankside after a long night abed. They will have been out all night, in the case of carp anglers; and perhaps days and even weeks.

They will not, like other anglers, be fishing pretty well anywhere or anywhere pretty; or somewhere comfortable that they can reach in the car. Specimen hunters will be found where big fish lie and nowhere else, regardless of difficulty and comfort. They will have spent the close season finding such places. If they can see the fish they want, they will have studied its behaviour by day and night. If they cannot find a fish big enough, they will have used watercraft and a deep knowledge of the species to tell them where one is likely to be.

Specimen hunters do not hope their fish will bite: they expect it to bite. They will have decided the necessary technique, the one place to cast from, the precise place to cast to.

They will have worked out where their fish is likely to head once hooked and how they will stop it. The place they have planned to land it will be cleared of debris and a net of appropriate size will be waiting there.

Above all, they will be invisible and unheard by those about them. The first sign of their camouflaged presence beneath a shading oak, or when crouched in rustling reeds, will be the whoosh of their rods as they strike or the roll of the fish as it is turned back from weeds.

Richard Walker, regarded by many as the father of modern angling and, above all, of modern specimen hunting, distilled the attitude needed to catch big fish precisely. Forty years ago, he declared that no fish, not even the largest and most difficult, was uncatchable provided that it was fished for with sufficient determination, in the right way, in the right place, at the right time, and with tackle capable of landing it.

In his book, *Stillwater Angling*, Walker wrote: "It must matter to you tremendously that you catch the fish you are after. An intense feud must exist between you and it — a feud that can only end with your success. If you think that no fish can matter that much, you will fail."

Walker, like some before him and many since, was quite prepared to fish a water for weeks to get a single bite from the one fish he wanted. A well-known modern specimen angler recently reported that he had fished a lake in Surrey a whole year for a single bite. But he got his fish: a tench.

Such a concentrated, remorseless approach does not, of course, appeal to most anglers. But it is what marks out the specimen hunter. There are few fish that do not have a dedicated following, not least because all fish are different and pose varied challenges.

The fish that have the largest followings tend to be the largest species: a reflection of human nature, no doubt. There is a carp society, a pike anglers' club, a barbel catchers' club. There are tench groups, bream groups, zander groups.

Fishy obsessions are not always related to size. I know a man who is trying to break the gudgeon record — present weight 4oz 4dr — and another who has spent years seeking a record dace — record 1lb 4oz 4dr. The modest roach has thousands dedicated to its pursuit.

The grayling has a national society and a complex regional structure to look after its welfare and plot its downfall.

All of these fish and more, and all of these anglers and more, will have been locked in proximity yesterday and some cockers will have been brought to the bank. A few will have been caught by small boys and tyros.

But not many. Most will fall to the deadly men. It is no chance encounter when expert and leviathan clash.

SPORTS LETTERS

Costly mental block

From Commander W. T Blunt RN R

Sir, I ever cease to marvel at the upidity that pervades first-ass cricket. Frequently, a tim is faced with an impsible task and can hope onlyto play out time for a dra Any elementary intelligen would realise that the be strategy is for the batsmen to decide who best pl the two bowlers who are on top anchor at the appro pe end and run nothing, ept for a judicious single if d able in the light of bowl changes.

ut what do they do? Like lov sheep, they dutifully up and down the pitch, ene opportunity sents wasting their ener risking a run-out, and ging absolutely meaning s runs.

A case in point was the final day of the first Test at Old Trafford. By noon (after 34 runs in the first hour), it was obvious that England would not win and had given up the chase. The danger man was Warne, who was giving Smith a great deal of trouble, but who Gooch had clearly mastered.

Gooch should have dropped anchor facing Warne, and run nothing. He could thereby have played Warne out of the game. The remainder of the strong and experienced England batting should not have had too much trouble to survive at the other end.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
W T BLUNT,
11 The Drive,
Fareham,
Hampshire.

New way forward

From Mr A E Woollett

Sir, "The King is dead, Long live the King". After England's performance against the United States, there are many who feel the manager should go. However, if this were so, the same people that appointed Graham Taylor would be responsible for the selection of his successor. Might the time be right to review this selection method?

Perhaps I might suggest an alternative. A selection method that would: earn the Football Association additional revenue; select a manager of proven ability; give future managers valuable experience; give more players a focus away from the domestic game.

My suggestion is that the FA invites four to six "potential" managers to select teams, these teams then play each other, the results thus forming a league table. The manager leading the table would be selected for, say, two years, when the process should be repeated.

The managers may choose who they wish, established players or new blood. At worst, the public would see the same 22 players in a series of matches with different managers applying different stratagems. Or, as I believe, the player pool would be larger, thus allowing a manager of vision and ability to produce a team capable of hoisting an international trophy.

Which ever way, the manager would have earnt the respect of the player, supporter and perhaps the media. English football has nothing to lose.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. WOOLLETT,
Willow Dene,
Leverton Road,
Retford, Notts.

From Mr Tony Davies

Sir, Graham Taylor's remedy to English football's latest humiliation is that "we must get our heads down and battle our way out of trouble".

Perhaps a more successful strategy to win an international football match would be "We must get our heads up and play our way out of trouble". Some hope!

Yours despairingly,
TONY DAVIES,
77, Woodfield Drive,
East Barnet,
Herts.

Woad creates warriors

From Mr Donald Tebbit

Sir, Why do burly Australian bowlers, appearing in Test matches in England go to so much trouble to decorate their features with startling facial designs executed in white lu minous ointment? Is it a kind of war-paint applied to intimidate the batsman?

If psychological weapons are in order, the England bowlers need them at least as much. How about a match-winning coating of woad?

Yours sincerely,
DONALD HUNT,
Church Road,
Toft, Cambridge.

From Mr A J Fearn,

Sir, There are times when the mores of international sport leave me shaking my head in disbelief. At Newark Cricket Club, we spend much time introducing youngsters to the game and, of course, the manners and etiquette that we believe cricket expects.

It seems the reward for kicking stumps in a fit of bad temper is immediate selection for England. What an example!

Yours faithfully,
A J FEARN,
4, Falstone Avenue,
Newark on Trent, Notts.

Dance step

From Mr Dennis Bird

Sir, Michael Coleman refers (article, June 14) to criticism of the decision by Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill to seek another Olympic gold medal for ice dancing, to sit beside the one they earned in 1984. Two points need to be made to put the situation into perspective.

There is no other British couple capable of finishing in the top 12 or so in Lillehammer.

So, far from shutting out younger talent, Torvill and Dean may open up new opportunities — for if they win a medal in the 1994 world championships, Britain will be entitled to send not one but three couples to the 1995 event, which will be held in this country, at the NEC in Birmingham.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS L. BIRD,
37, The Avenue,
Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex.

Table talk

From Mr James Stanford

Sir, I write in reply to Mrs Ralston Saul (Sports letters, June 10) concerning the dangers of table fences in horse trials. As the British Horse Society steward reponsible at Brigstock Horse Trials in 1982, when the first fatality in the sport occurred at a table fence, I was convinced at the time that the tragedy was made more likely because it occurred at this type of fence.

There was very little support for my opinion, even though the second fatality in the same year appeared to result from a similar configuration.

I would wholeheartedly support a review by the BHS and the Pony Club into the suitability of continuing to encourage these, wholly unnatural types of fence.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES STANFORD,
Grange Farm,
Spratton,
Northamptonshire.

Ill-directed bouncer

From Mr John Poole

Sir, After being embroiled, 60 years ago, in that bitter "bodyline" controversy, when England won the Ashes and Australia threatened to leave the Commonwealth, Harold Larwood had been enjoying his remaining years in his adopted home in Sydney, peaceably enough until awarded the MBE.

You report (June 12) that our cricket-loving prime minister advised Her Majesty to include Larwood in the Birthday Honours List "as overdue recognition". Could the timing of such advice to Her Majesty have been more inept and short-sighted, than at this juncture when Australia is on the brink of becoming a republic?

Half of today's Australians are not of British stock and most of the others are cricket followers who have only to be reminded (or told) about that cricketing episode to make up their minds which way to vote in their referendum.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R POOLE,
3 Gretton Court,
Girton, Cambridge.

FOOTBALL

World Cup
Group three

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WORLD CUP: Asian Zones: Group A: China 4, Jordan 1; Iraq 3, Yemen 0 (in Chengdu).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group Five: Iceland 2, Hungary 1. Group Six: Finland 1, Israel 0. TOULON: Under-21 tournament: Final: France 0, England 1 (Pitorolli 55).

COPA AMERICA: Group A: Ecuador 6, Venezuela 1.

TOUR MATCH: Australia 0, AC Milan 1 (in Sydney).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: United States 5, Italy 0.

JAPANESE J-LEAGUE: Verdy Kawasaki 2, JEF United Ichihara 1; Yokohama Flugels 2, Kashima Antlers 0; Nagoya Grampus Eight 3, Urawa Red Diamonds 1; Gamba Osaka 2, Yokohama Marinos 1; Sanfrecce Hiroshima 0, Shimizu S-Pulse 3.

ATHLETICS

EUGENE, Oregon: US world championship trials: first day: Decathlon (after five events): 1, Dan O'Brien, 4,475 pts; 2, S Bocklunger, 4,236; 3, S Fitz, 4,163. Heptathlon (after four events): 1, J Joyner-Kersee, 4,069pts; 2, K Carter, 3,613; 3, D Nathan, 3,580. Women's hammer: 1, S Fitts, 54.92m; 2, E Lagusti, 53.46; 3, B Edmondson, 52.82.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 10, Cleveland Indians 4; New York Yankees 9, Boston Red Sox 7; Baltimore Orioles 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Toronto Blue Jays 6, Minnesota Twins 3; Chicago White Sox 4, Oakland A's 0; Seattle Mariners 6, Kansas City Royals 1; Texas Rangers 6, California Angels 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, Florida Marlins 0; Cincinnati Reds 10, San Francisco Giants 5; Montreal Expos 8, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Atlanta Braves 2, New York Mets 1; San Diego Padres 3, Houston Astros 0; St Louis Cardinals 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 12, Colorado Rockies 4.

BOXING

DACORUM PAVILION, Hemel Hempstead: Super-feather (8 rnds): Bruce Ruegg (Bournemouth) bt Simon Frailing (Hayes), pts. Light-middle (6 rnds): Martin Rossmond (Southampton) bt Steve McNess (Bethnal Green), rsc 5th. Super-middle (6 rnds): Mark Baker (Sidcup) bt Alan Baptiste (Luton), pts. Light (6 rnds): Billy Schwer (Luton) bt Farid Benredjeb (Fr), pts. Feather (10 rnds): Billy Hardy (Sunderland) bt Angel Fernandez (Mex), pts.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: The Oval: Warwickshire 111-1 v Surrey. No play yesterday, rain: Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Middlesex v Glamorgan.

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bristol: Gloucestershire 231-5 (R I Dawson 68, T H C Hancock 62), Northamptonshire 232-7. Northants won by 5 wickets. Norton: Nottinghamshire 193-7, Durham 79-3. Nottinghamshire won on faster scoring rate.

Lewes Priory: Essex 184-5 (N Stahlid 65 not out); Sussex 151 (J W Hall 58). Essex won by 13 runs. Worcester: Somerset 209-8 (J E Binkley 4-48); Worcestershire 185 (W P C Weston 67). Somerset won by 24 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bessonsfield (second day): Buckinghamshire 162-7 dec and 21-1; Northumberland 152-8 dec. No play yesterday. Match drawn. Stalybridge (second day): Cornwall 173; Cheshire 175-4 (T Bostock 52). Cheshire won by 6 wickets. Brewood (first day): Cambridgeshire 106 (P G Newman 6-30); Staffordshire 139-6 (S J Dean 58). Bridgnorth (first day): Shropshire 28-2 v Cornwall.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Clifton 120, Taunton 62: Pocklington 248-5 dec (M Atkinson 113), Ampleforth 216-5; MCC 188-5 dec (A Hampshire 106), Pocklington 155-9; Hailsbury 141-9, Diocesan College, Cape Town, 143-5; MCC 210-6, Ardingly 177-7.

GOLF

PYLE AND KENFIG: Welsh women's team golf championships: First round: Llanam bt St Mellons, 3-2; Carmarthen bt Cardigan, 4-1; Pennard bt Langland, 3-2; Newport bt Tredegar Park, 5-0; Glynhir (Llandeilo) bt Bargoed, 3½-1½; St Giles (Newtown) bt Glamorganshire, 3-2; Radyr bt Ruthin, 3-2; St Pierre bt Rhondda, 4-1. Second round: Southerndown bt Monmouth, 3-2; Llandudno (Maesdu) bt Borth and Ynyslas, 3-2; Monmouthshire bt North Wales, 4½-½; Carmarthen bt Llanelwedd, 3-2; Pearsand bt Newport, 4-1; Glynhir bt St Giles, 4-1; Neath wo Abergele and Pensarn, scr; Cardiff wo Dolgellau, scr.

LACROSSE

BATH UNIVERSITY: England 16, John Hopkins University (US) 14.

RIFLE SHOOTING

MILAN: Fifth World Cup. Free Rifle 60 Shots Prone (592 Olympic qualifying standard): 1, J Stam (GB), 695.4; 2, Lee Eun (Kor), 695.3; 3, C Klaes (Ger), 693.1. Other British scores: J Oliphant, 590; R Nibbs, 588.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Taranaki 25, British Isles 49 (in New Plymouth).

TENNIS

ROEHAMPTON: Wimbledon qualifying tournament: Men's singles: First round: A Scrapler (Can) bt C Pauld (Ken), 6-2, 6-4; L Matthews (GB) bt F Grasso (It), 6-3, 7-5; F Fetterlein (Den) bt M Daniel (Ier), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Blackman (US) bt M Tabares (Cuba), 6-1, 6-4; N Godwin (SA) bt R Koenig (CAF), 6-3, 6-3; F Silberberg (Br) bt A Reichel (Ger), 7-6, 7-5; J Apell (Swe) bt S Noszaly (Hun), 7-5, 6-4; L Tieleman (N) bt T Pisrovski (CIS), 6-4, 8-7, 6-3; K Kinnear (US) bt T Nilsen (Hol), 7-6, 6-1; G Russell (Can) bt W Arthurs (Aus), 7-6, 7-6; T Herman (GB) bt S Gleason (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; C Beecher (GB) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 6-3; A Calamas (Sp) bt J Delgado (GB), 7-6, 6-7, 6-2; P Rafter (Aus) bt P Wekesa (Ken), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; D Randall (US) bt P Campana (Ec), 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; P Kilderry (Aus) bt S Vasudevan (India), 6-3, 6-4; E Ferreira (SA) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 6-2, 7-6; C N'Goran (Ivory Coast) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 7-6, 7-5; C Secsenu (Swi) bt D Spandard (GB), 5-7, 6-4, 9-8; P N'Gorny (Swe) bt M Barnard (SA), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; D Nainkin (SA) bt G Henderson (GB), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; G Marx (Fr) bt P Armesone (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; S You (Aus) bt M Stadling (Swe), 6-1, 6-2; L Gloria (US) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-6, 6-2.

Women's singles: First round: M Kidowski (Japan) bt K Godridge (Aus), 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; V Lake (GB) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-2, 7-5; L Golarsa (It) bt S Lohmann (Ger), 5-1, 6-0; E DeLone (US) bt Y Kamio (Japan), 6-2, 6-0; M McGrath (US) bt C Billingham (GB), 6-4, 6-1; K Sharpe (Aus) bt M Kiene (Hol), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

EASTBOURNE: Volkswagen Women's Cup: First round: B Schultz (Hol) bt D Graham (US), 6-3, 7-5; R Nideffer (SA) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-4, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) bt E Ilda (Japan), 7-5, 6-1; C Vis (Hol) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; S Farina (It) bt S Stafford (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt T Ignatieva (Belarus), 6-4, 6-2; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt L Allen (US), 6-2, 6-3; L Raymond (US) bt E Smylie (Aus), 4-6, 6-2, 10-8. Second round: M Newcastleve (US) bt R White (US), 6-2, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt M Javer (GB), 6-2, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt C Porwik (Ger), 7-5, 6-1; M Oremans (Hol) bt P Shriver (US), 7-5, 0-1 retd; P Hy (Can) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; L McNeil (US) bt T Whitlinger (US), 6-2, 7-5; I Gorrochesegui (Arg) bt M Endo (Japan), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt M Bollegraf (Hol), 6-3, 6-3; Fendick bt K Po, (US) 6-3, 6-3; G Fernandez bt Vis, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Schultz bt Nideffer, 6-4, 7-5.

HALLE, Germany: Men's tournament: First round: A Krickstein (US) bt A Volkov (Russ), 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; P Kühnen (Ger) bt D Rostagno (US), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; H Dagelmann (Ger) bt A Cherkassov (Russ), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; H Leconte (Fr) bt P Haarhuis (Hol), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

GENOA: Men's tournament: First round: T Muster (Austria) bt A Mancini (Arg), 7-6, 6-2; J F Aliur (Sp) bt O Nargiso (It), 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; T Carbonell (Sp) bt G Schetler (Austria), 6-3, 6-1; G Pyle (Cro) bt H De la Pena (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; L Jonsson (Swe) bt T Champion (Fr), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; M A Gorita (Sp) bt J Burillo (Sp), 6-3, 7-6.

YACHTING

GUERNSEY: Rolex Swan European Regatta: Final division: 1, Crackerjack (K Miller, Edinburgh), 1hr 53min 36sec; 2, Wild n'Wilde (A Wilde, Guer), 1:56:48; 3, Eclipse (M Ledbetter, Birmingham), 1:57:26. Second division: 1, Moustique (M Speer, Ipswich), 2:03:09; 2, Wild at Heart (F Kruger, Holl), 2:03:27; 3, Flying Neleb (F Garcia-Garman, Sp), 2:04:44. Third race: First division: 1, Crackerjack, 1:51:00; 2, Maid of Unst (G Meredith, Folkestone), 1:53:27; 3, Eclipse, 1:53:55. Second division: 1, Sky Goose (J Oldridge, Hants), 1:58:20; 2, Nina (E Leeman, Holl), 1:58:39; 3, Wild at Heart, 1:58:52.

CRICKET

Second Cornhill
Test match
First day of five
11.0, 90 overs minimum
LORD'S: England v Australia.

Britannic Assurance
county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v. Durham
CANTERBURY: Kent v Derbyshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Hampshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Notts v Essex
BATH: Somerset v Middlesex
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Surrey
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Gloucestershire

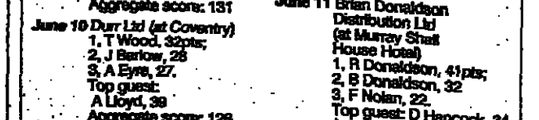
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three): Shildon: Durham v Nottinghamshire. Chelmsford: Essex v Leicestershire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire. Southampton: Hampshire v Kent. Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Middlesex v Glamorgan. The Oval: Surrey v Warwickshire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bridgnorth (second day): Shropshire v Cornwall. Weymouth (first day): Dorset v Herefordshire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Jersey European Airways Open (La Moye).

TENNIS: Direct Line Insurance Manchester Open (Didsbury); Volkswagen Cup (Eastbourne).



COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

June 9 Scimsped UK Ltd (at Beau Desert)
1, R Horton, 28pts;
2, M Webster, 22
3, E Hellstrom, 22.
Top guest: H Marklew, 33
Aggregate score: 103

June 10 Mason Owen Partners (at Royal Liverpool)
1, R Ticknott, 35pts;
2, R Johnson, 31
3, J Hepworth, 31.
Top guest: D Andrew, 36
Aggregate score: 133

June 10 Samuel Montague Export and Project Finance Ltd (at The Belfry)
1, J Bailey, 32pts;
2, A Brown, 28
3, C Vaughan, 25.
Top guest: P Bardell, 32
Aggregate score: 115

June 10 DPSC (UK) Ltd (at Royal Automobile, Woodcote Park)
1, R Holden, 36pts;
2, B Bennetts, 35
3, C Stonebanks, 35.
Top guest: T Challew, 40
Aggregate score: 150

June 10 Russell Marketing Ltd (at Shaw Hill)
1, M Jones, 33pts;
2, A Fowler, 32
3, N Cudworth, 27.
Top guest: F Lee, 39
Aggregate score: 131

June 10 Durr Ltd (at Coventry)
1, T Wood, 32pts;
2, J Barlow, 28
3, A Eyre, 27.
Top guest: A Lloyd, 39
Aggregate score: 128

June 10 AIS Yorkshire (at Pike Hills)
1, D Milson, 34pts;
2, J Robson, 32
3, R Hornby, 28.
Top guest: D Shipley, 36
Aggregate score: 130

June 10 UK Trident Shipping Agencies Ltd (at Wentworth)
1, G Jones, 37pts;
2, K Kool, 32
3, D Chan, 28.
Top guest: R Start, 37
Aggregate score: 134

June 10 John Hornby Skewes and Co Ltd (at Garforth)
1, P Wardle, 37pts;
2, J Skewes, 32
3, D Gibson, 28.
Top guest: G Butterworth, 39
Aggregate score: 136

June 11 Du Pont (UK) Ltd (at Finchley)
1, R Singer, 35pts;
2, P Webster, 33
3, C McCue, 30.
Top guest: M Lake, 34
Aggregate score: 132

June 11 C E Heath (Insurance Services) Ltd (at Harewood Downs)
1, J Gamham, 38pts;
2, P Drummond, 36
3, J Wakelling, 31.
Top guest: P White, 38
Aggregate score: 143

June 11 Woolwich Property Services Ltd (at Potters Bar)
1, G Hide, 36pts;
2, C Leach, 31
3, C Mason, 29.
Top guest: B Davies, 39
Aggregate score: 135

June 11 Brian Donaldson Distribution Ltd (at Murray Shall House Hotel)
1, R Donaldson, 41pts;
2, B Donaldson, 32
3, F Nolan, 22.
Top guest: D Hancock, 34
Aggregate score: 129

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4, B Thistlethwaite, 37
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Twenty-five years after professionalism's arrival, is the game better or worse?

Money rules in the crazy court of open tennis

David Miller observes that today's tennis millionaires may have the money but have lost the magic

As a young journalist, awestruck by the deeds of Hoad and Rosewall, Gibson and Bueno, it was often my task to cover the Wimbledon qualifying tournament at Roehampton. Here was an annual contest of sporting ferocity almost without parallel.

Those on the periphery of the tournament game bust many a literal gut, and sometimes each other, in a frenzied bid to reach the utopian enclave of the All England Club: not just to play in the first round or better, but to gain a free pass for two weeks to the luxury of hot showers, a tranquil restaurant and temporary reflected fame.

Itinerant Americans, Australians and South Africans, scratching a bare "expenses" existence as they followed their passion from country to country, would sleep in tents and *dormobiles nearby*. There were often no free balls provided for practice; seagulls were slower in scenting the chance of a free meal. It was at Roehampton, as much as anywhere, that Carmichael, a personable Australian known affectionately off-court to his mother as Bob, acquired the indelible title of "Nails".

It was the world of the hungry amateur, grateful for a lift to the railway station. Today's is the world of the pampered, too often selfish professional, hugely overrewarded at every level. At the qualifying tournament this week, first-round losers will receive £760. The third-round qualifiers will get £3,050 and the first-round losers at Wimbledon proper £4,575.

This may seem a trifling compared with the £305,000 awaiting the men's champion a fortnight on Sunday. In 25 years of professional tennis, the finances have come a long way from the £2,000 earned by Rod Laver at the first open Wimbledon of 1968, when he defeated Tony Roche. The IBM/ATP Tour this year, which includes 87 tournaments in 34 countries, carries prize-money in excess of $40 million.

Is it a better game? It all depends what we mean by better. Thanks to sponsorship from television and multinational industry, the game provides a lucrative living for a small army of professionals, men and women, not to say their agents.

There are more players and more countries affiliated to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) — 91 when it was the Lawn Tennis Federation in 1968, and now 176. The Davis Cup has over 100 entries annually, with $8 million prize-money this year. The women's Federation Cup, with 76 countries, will have $2 million prize-money from 1995.

The prestige of the four grand slam championships has never been more widely acclaimed and provides the individual qualifiers for the new Grand Slam Cup, with its controversial $2 million first prize. In 1991, Monica Seles earned $2.4 million for ten victories in 16 finals.

The overall depth of the game, the men's in particular, *is far stronger than in amateur* times, meaning that injury or loss of form will quickly make a substantial impact on a player's ranking. If 25 years ago there was an elite group of some 30 approximately equal players, that has now grown to perhaps 150. Drop a couple of service games as a leading player and you can be out in the first round of many of the larger tournaments.

A better game? Probably not, when considering the top five players of any period going back to the glories of between the wars. Jack Crawford, of Australia, whose five-set victory over Ellsworth Vines in 1933 is said by some to have been one of Wimbledon's greatest finals, was a baseline player comparable to Borg. Crawford is set to have once raised the chalk from his opponent's baseline with 12 consecutive shots.

The modern professional game has, of course, produced a profusion of great players: from Laver — returning to open tennis in 1968 after leaving the so-called amateur game in 1963 following two consecutive Wimbledon victories — through Newcombe, Smith and Nastase, then Borg, Connors, McEnroe, Lendl and Wilander, down to Becker, Edberg, Sampras, Courier and, maybe, Stich and Agassi.

Yet many would say the game is losing colour; that there is not the variety of touch players, such as Santana, the Wimbledon champion of 1966, nor the fun of doubles from such as Osuna and Palafox, of Mexico, Kumar and Krishnan, of India, Pietrangeli and *Sirola, from Italy*, Fletcher and Hewitt, or Hewitt and McMillan, of Australia.

"We've gradually eliminated character, the natural champions with flair and charisma who make the game exciting," Brian Tobin, president of the ITF, said. "The grind [of the Tour] has started to limit the fun, including that of the player, and we're getting more of a stereotype.

"The managers and agents who live on players' earnings encourage a tunnel vision, concentrating on not losing. For the outstanding young player, after a year or two, it becomes just a job. In that way, the professional game *has created a bit of a monster.*

Seles: won $2.4m in 1991

I'd like to go back to the Fifties but we can't." The free market place, Tobin admits, is there and cannot be resisted: though he would prefer it that all the main national championships, *other than grand slam events*, were also included in the Tour because "that is putting money back into the game rather than into independent entrepreneurs".

Tobin is also uneasy about the over-exposure the game is receiving on television, with the multiplicity of channels. The recent French Open final could be watched four times in four days, threatening tennis with the ailment of all overtelevised sport — dilution by dilation, ultimately reaching the point where the viewer is not sure which tournament is being screened and no longer minds not knowing the result.

Tony Pickard, the coach to Stefan Edberg, thinks the development of the game since professionalism is welcome. Yet he is worried about the disproportionate rewards being obtained by agents for promising teenagers that prematurely kill their appetite for serious work. He thinks the "standardisation" of players, the baseline game, is caused by the uniformity of surfaces, especially indoors, where so much of the money lies.

"The only new serve-and-volleyer is Stich," Pickard said. Thirty years ago, three of *the grand slams were on* grass; now, only Wimbledon. Pickard hopes that Sampras, Stich and others may change the machine-era of Courier, the way McEnroe did when overtaking Borg.

'We've gradually eliminated character, natural champions with flair and charisma who make the game exciting'

The commonest complaint of the modern era from the public is the wretched stalling between points. The compulsory chair-rest after every two games, introduced in the mid-Seventies for the benefit of television commercials, was bad enough; the half-minute between points is anti-sport. I have seen Michael Chang bounce the service ball 13 times. The demands of television are ever-threatening: television determines start times, and schedules, at the United States championships, and would like to abolish all *matches beyond three sets.*

Ironically, excessive professionalism has improved behaviour. Playing the percentages, professionals know that losing their temper, and concentration, will only lose more points. They are torn between *challenging the unfortunate* linesman/umpire over the loss of a point — or money, as they see it — and losing focus, further points and even more money.

Nowadays, money rules. "Players have become so rich, there is no limit to the greed of some of them," Czeslaw Spychala, veteran tournament administrator and former Poland Davis Cup player and Wimbledon Plate winner in 1946, said.

"The manners of many have completely gone — but the *number of good players is* enormous. In the days of Budge and Perry, the fields were nowhere near as strong, from many fewer countries."

John Curry, the chairman of the All England Club, welcomes the power that Wimbledon holds in influencing the game internationally, standing marginally above commercial pressures as it does because success at Wimbledon is still paramount to all players.

Yet Curry recognises the power must be used sensitively. "We're able to take a different perspective, to place our priorities and to try to achieve a balance for sport — *because it is still a sport,*" he said.

He is optimistic that the commercial market has not yet peaked for tennis, as in some sports, because it can still expand in Asia. The time will come, however, when professionals must accept that they do not have a licence to print money.

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Modest success: with the Wimbledon trophy in 1968, the first year of the open era, Rod Laver collected £2,000

Pierce's father seeks Wimbledon pass

THE notoriously ill-behaved father of Mary Pierce has made a last-minute plea to avoid being banned from attending his daughter's matches at Wimbledon (Stuart Jones writes). The ruling body, the Women's Tennis Council, is expected to announce its decision tonight on a case that arose during the French Open a fortnight ago.

Jim Pierce, who has a history of unruly behaviour, had his accreditation withdrawn and was escorted from Roland Garros after complaints had been made about his conduct. His daughter, herself upset by his presence, was a set down at the time. Once he had been removed, she recovered to win. Pierce, 56, who has been imprisoned for fraud and armed robbery, was officially charged with causing a disturbance and illegal coaching. In the past he has also physically assaulted his daughter, as well as members of the public and the council is prepared to impose a severe sanction.

Wilson winds down

SWIMMING: Ian Wilson has entered the 1,500 metres freestyle event at the Scottish championships in Edinburgh later this month. The Borough of Sunderland swimmer set the British record of 15min 3.72sec to win the silver medal at the European championships in Athens two years ago but the training he has endured this year to help him regain that form *resulted in his first defeat at a national championship* for four years last week. "The hard work background is behind me. Now I need to cut down the intensity and volume and prove I'm capable of a good swim," Wilson said. He will miss the World Student Games to concentrate on the European championships in Sheffield this year.

Endeavour succeeds

YACHTING: Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, Merit Cup, won the final stage of the Round Europe race at Stockholm yesterday but was pipped to overall honours by New Zealand Endeavour, skippered by Grant Dalton. La Poste, of France, was third. Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia, took line honours in the new Whitbread 60 class but finished behind the Spanish entry, Galicia 93 Pescanova, on overall time. The multihull division was won by Loic Peyron's French trimaran, Fujicolour, after Fleury Michon, Philippe Poupon's craft, broke up.

Arlott trust opens

CRICKET: A trust in memory of John Arlott, the writer and broadcaster who died in 1991, was launched yesterday to raise money for housing, cricket grounds and other recreational facilities in villages in Britain. Graham Gooch, the England captain, received the first donation on behalf of the trust at Lord's. The scheme is expected to help pay for the construction of 1,000 houses a year in villages, as well as maintaining cricket grounds and preventing them from being sold. A target of £5 million, to be raised over five years, has been set.

Pardon for Bucknall

BASKETBALL: Steve Bucknall, the forward who walked out on England before the Additional Nations tournament in Poland two weeks ago, has been recalled for the qualifying tournament for the semi-final round of the 1995 European championship in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary, next week. Mike Bett, the caretaker coach, has chosen one uncapped player, Roger Huggins, formerly of Bracknell but now studying in Honolulu.

SQUAD: P Scarisbury (capt), R Baker, J Moore (all London Towers), M Hubbard (Worthing), K Brown, M Henlan (both Guildford), S Darlow (Ware), R Hudgins (Hawaii Loa Coll), T King (Eastern Michigan Univ), D Donaldson (player/assistant coach).

Welsh consider protest

RUGBY LEAGUE: Members of the Wales team are *to be* canvassed about a possible boycott of the international against New Zealand at Swansea on October 3. Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, has decided to remain in the post following the resignation of Jim Mills, the national team manager, in protest at the omission of Wales from the 1995 World Cup. "He has made a stand on our behalf," Griffiths said. "I am carrying on at this stage and will ask the players for their views."

Lindsay Hassett

CRICKET: Lindsay Hassett, right, the former Australia captain, died yesterday. Hassett, 79, who played in 43 Tests, was one of the greatest batsmen of his generation, scoring 16,890 first-class runs, including 59 centuries, at an average of 58.24. He made 3,073 runs in Test matches, including ten centuries, at an average of 46.56. He captained Australia 24 times, which included 14 wins. Obituary, page 19

Stern finds target

RIFLE SHOOTING: Jon Stern, of the Beaconsfield club, a former British smallbore rifle champion, won gold medal at the World Cup in Milan yesterday, bea the Olympic champion, Lee Eun, of South Korea, by a te of a point. Stern achieved an Olympic qualifying score of in the qualifying round of the free rifle prone event entered the final in seventh place. Competing against so of the best in the world, he made a final score of 103.4 to gold.

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Bates brims with confidence

BY IAN ROSS

ALTHOUGH Jeremy Bates *did not* feel inclined to tempt fate by overstating the quality of the tennis he produced yesterday, it is clear that he will enter Wimbledon next week with something of an uncharacteristic swagger.

Between the showers that seem such an integral part of the Direct Line Insurance *Open at Didsbury*, Bates moved effortlessly into the quarter-finals, where he will meet Wally Masur, of Australia, the No 4 seed, who beat Chris Wilkinson, of Britain, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

The British No 1 is playing well and, perhaps significantly, knows it. After overwhelming Philippe Pech, of France, 6-4, 6-2, Bates declared himself to be "happy" with his form and his state of mind.

"I am not doing anything in an inefficient way at the moment," he said. "I am hitting the ball well off the ground and I felt that I could break him at any point." Irrespective of whether he makes further progress, Bates has now completed his preparations for the All England club.

"It is too late to start working on specific aspects of my game," he said. "The object is to stay fresh and to stay alert. The more confidence I can pick up from this tournament, the better. It has already been a generally good week for the British players. If one of us does well, it can have a real knock-on effect."

Jacco Eltingh, who surprised even himself by winning the tournament last year, moved into the quarter-finals with a surprisingly comfortable 6-3, 7-5 victory over Richard Fromberg, who did little to justify his seventh seeding.

The unexpected elimination of MaliVai Washington, the No 1 seed, on Tuesday may have displeased the sponsors but it will have been good news for Henrik Holm, the second seed and now favourite to lay claim to the first prize of £26,000.

Holm set up a meeting in the last eight with Guillaume Raoux, of France, by defeating, with some ease, his fellow Swede, Anders Jarryd, 7-5, 7-6.

RESULTS: First round: W Masur (Aus) bt R Matheson (GB), 6-4, 6-4; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; S Simian (Fr) bt J Morgan (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; C Pioline (Fr) bt C Adams (US), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Second round: J Eltingh (Hol) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 7-5; J Bates (GB) bt P Pech (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; G Raoux (Fr) bt N Pereira (Ven), 6-4, 6-3; H Holm (Swe) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; Masur bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.

Qualifiers in ruins

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE Wimbledon qualifying tennis tournament at Roehampton was washed out for the second time in three days yesterday, leaving the organisers desperately making contingency plans to ensure the event is finished by Tuesday morning at the latest (Alix Ramsay writes). The championships start on Monday.

The qualifying tournament provides 16 men and eight women in the main draws at the championships. So far, 73 qualifying matches have been completed, with 154 yet to play. "We are contemplating all kinds of things," Tony Gathercole, the tournament referee, said.

"Our priority is to finish the tournament on grass but if that is impossible, we may have to think about going indoors." It would be the first time any match connected with the Wimbledon championships has been played on a surface other than grass.

Most clubs in the area have at best a handful of covered courts, so the tournament would have to be split between a number of different venues. The most logical solution would be to move some of the matches to the practice courts in Aorangi Park at the All England Club.

"We don't know about the state of the Roehampton courts yet," Gathercole said. "Only six of them are covered and the rest are obviously going to be very wet. My guess is they will not be in play for a while.

"It's unfortunate for us and unfortunate for the players but we will not panic. We'll just take things as they come."

Answers from page 44

GREGORY

(b) Servant of the Capulets in *Romeo and Juliet*, he Sampson in quarrelling with Abraham at the start of the Of the two, he is the more circumspect: "Say 'better'," he ad the hotter headed Sampson: "Here comes one of the mas kinsmen."

SOUNDPOST

(b) James Soundpost (despite his name, a singer) the t musician who performs for the Capulets in *Romeo and Ju* He is asked by Peter his view of why music is said to hav silver sound", and (prudently conserving his voice, perh answers nothing more than "Faith, I know not what to say."

CAMILLO

(b) Servant in *The Winter's Tale*, loyal to principle rather t people, he helps Polixenes escape from Sicilia instead poisoning him as his master Leontes has ordered and, 16 y later, helps Perdita and Florizel elope from Bohemia a Polixenes (his new master) has forbidden their wedding.

JAMY

(a) Scots captain in *Henry V*. He says little, and most of it is gibberish dialect, which more closely resembles the ranting Glaswegian drunk on today's comic stage than it does any k of comprehensible English.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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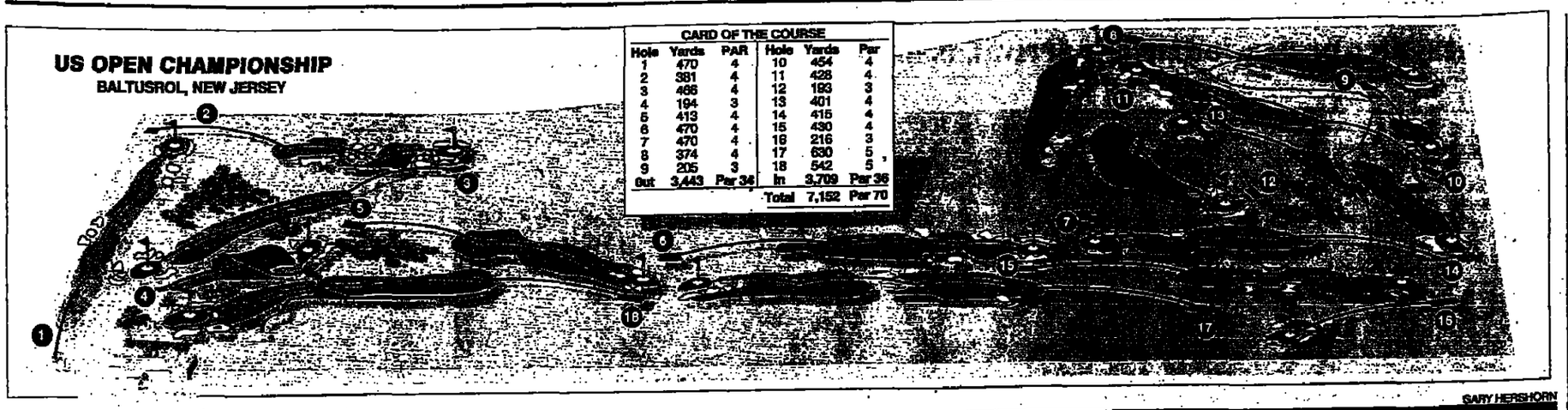

GARY HERSHORN

Links with Britain put Europeans on course

John Hopkins on the conditions that may help foreign golfers in the US Open at Baltusrol

GOLF'S four major championships fall into a pattern as rhythmical and different as the seasons of the year. In spring in Augusta, Georgia, which William Makepeace Thackeray once called a "tidy little town", the Europeans blossom. They have won eight of the last 14 green jackets.

At the US Open, which falls close to midsummer, it has been different, however. No foreigner has won this title since David Graham, of Australia, in 1981, and he lived in the United States at the time. No European has won since Tony Jacklin in 1970, though Nick Faldo lost in a play-off in 1988 and Ian Woosnam tied for second place a year later.

This year it could change. The US Open, which starts this morning on the lower course of the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, New Jersey, could end on Sunday evening with a European champion.

There has been an easing in the thinking of the United States Golf Association (USGA) as regards the preparation of courses for their Open. The US Open championship was always held to be the championship set up to identify the best player in the world that week, the one who was driving straightest, hitting his irons most accurately, whose putting nerve would hold even when faced with a downhill putt on greens that were so hard and fast they practically crackled underfoot.

In the US Open at Pebble Beach last year there were a couple of places where the rough had not grown quite as high as normal around the edge of the greens. This year, the rough is noticeably easier, partly due to a lack of the rain needed to nourish the grass. If you missa fairway, you have a chance to play a shot to the green. Furthermore, a ball only a few feet off the putting surfaces not necessarily buried in ankle-high grass, as has been the case in the past.

This means that less of a premium is placed on accuracy and the art of chipping is not diminished. In turn, this suggests that the Europeans should find Baltusrol less inhospitable than most US Open courses. In other words, the American advantage is neutralised.

Baltusrol even *looks* British in parts. Tom Watson has said that the greens, which are light tan in appearance, are "like some of the greens we play in the British Open". Furthermore, when A.W. Tillinghast designed the course in the early years of the century, he deliberately left many of the greens unprotected in front, making it possible to pitch a ball short and allow it to roll to the putting surface, as is so often necessary in Britain.

Jack Nicklaus said that if he were blindfolded and taken to four or five holes here he would think he was at a British links. This is particularly true on many holes between the 7th and the 16th, where there are stretches of flat, almost treeless land and the greens are surrounded by mounds and bunkers that have a rugged, natural quality.

In any major championship the number of players who can produce the required shot-making at the requisite time is small. In a US Open it is tiny. "The bottom line is that it takes more nerve to win the US Open because the conditions are, for the most part, more difficult than in any other tournament we play," Watson said.

"This is my favourite tournament to win because it's the most difficult. It is the pinnacle of tournaments because you are forced to play tough courses in their most difficult conditions. I wouldn't want to do it every week, but it's great once a year."

The Americans, who have what Tom Wolfe called "the right stuff", include the defending champion, Tom Kite, who in his year in office, so to speak, has blossomed despite a bad back and won two tournaments, and Paul Azinger. Payne Stewart, the champion two years ago, has finished third and seventh in his past two tournaments, as well as compiling a number of top-ten finishes.

Not since Nicklaus did so in 1972 has a man won the first two major championships of the year. If anyone can match Nicklaus, Langer, the Masters champion, can. Colin Montgomerie is not the first, nor will he be the last, of Langer's peers to remark on the mental fortitude of the German, who has twice overcome attacks of the yips.

"He is not just tough," Montgomerie said. "He is, mentally, the toughest of all. To have come back from what he has been through is remarkable. Now he is ready to win again."

As usual, Faldo has left nothing to chance. On Monday night he was relaxed, talking animatedly about the thrilling basketball game he had watched on television the previous night. But it might be better if he did not put so much pressure on himself, pressure that sometimes leads to high scores, such as the five-over-par 76 in the third round of the US PGA last year and a seven-over-par 79 in the third round at Augusta this year. But the demons that have driven him to so much success these past five years are hard taskmasters.

So much will depend on Faldo's putting, as it will with Ian Woosnam. The greens are rated at ten on the stimpmeter and they are intended to be one point faster when the tournament starts. Furthermore, they are already very firm.

Faldo undoubtedly has the nerve to win. So does Langer, Montgomérie, José María Olazábal and Woosnam. I think that if Faldo does not satisfy his inner demons this week, then another European will.

☐ The Pinehurst Country Club, in North Carolina, will host the US Open in 1999 and Pebble Beach will be the venue the following year, the USGA announced yesterday.

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12:30: D Edwards, B Faibel, *D Berganio Jr
12:40: E Kirby, J Smith, D Court
12:50: M McCumber, M Standly, D Frost (SA)
13:00: S Stricker, T Rinyer, D Brown
13:10: R Mattiola, M Pfeil, V Heatner
13:20: K Clearwater, D Mast, J Edwards
13:30: S Simpson, W Grady (Aus), J Sluman
13:40: D Peoples, D A Weibring, E Els (SA)
13:50: J-M Olazábal (Sp), L Janzen, W Glasson
14:00: C Pavin, J Haas, R Gamez
14:10: C Strange, S Ballesteros (Sp), L Nelson
14:20: R Cochran, N Henke, M Ozaki (Japan)
14:30: H Irwin, L Mize, A Lyle (GB)
14:40: J Cook, M O'Meara, D Waldorf
14:50: I Baker-Finch (Aus), R Tway, F Couples
15:00: S Pate, R Wrenn, B McCallister
15:10: W Wood, W Tutsin, K Wentworth
15:20: B Claar, B-Britton, K Triplett
15:30: J Flannery, J Maggert, *T Oh
15:40: D Barr (Can), B Glider, M Brooks
15:50: M Singer, M Christie, B Cheesman
16:00: D Weaver, M Balen, K Roman
16:10: M Colandro, E Hoos, J McMillan
16:20: S Lowery, G Twiggs, A Forsbrand (Swe)
16:30: B Thompson, K Giancola, A Knoll
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17:00: R Allenby (Aus), L Roberts, G Morgan
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17:20: J Houston, J D Blake, J Thorpe
17:30: S Elkington (Aus), R Medlate, W Levi
17:40: D Love III, R Fehr, B Faxon
17:50: B Langer (Ger), N Price (Zim), P Azinger
18:00: B R Brown, K Gibson, P Jacobsen
18:10: R Floyd, F Zoeller, T Watson
18:20: G Waite (NZ), M Donald, M Kuramoto (Japan)
18:30: P Stewart, I Woosnam (GB), J Daly
18:40: J Sindelar, D Forsman, V Singh (Fiji)
18:50: G Norman (Aus), M Calcavecchia, C Stadler
19:00: D Gilford (GB), K Perry, T Lehman
19:10: T Kite, *J Leonard, N Faldo (GB)
19:20: T Sipula, C Espinosa, K Burton
19:30: J Nicklaus, A North, J Mahaffey
19:40: M Wiebe, F Funk, C Parry (Aus)
19:50: J Hallet, N Ozaki (Japan), E Schulz
20:00: B Vaughan, T Erwin, M Mielke
20:10: K Altenhof, R Cramer, D Drawdy
20:20: T Woodard, L Rinker, G Fieger
20:30: P Jordan, S Gotsche, M Clark II

** denotes amateur*

Smiling through: Woosnam in cheerful mood after practice at Baltusrol

Torrance aiming to boost Ryder chances

WHILE the main focus of golfing attention this week is on the US Open, Sam Torrance hopes to celebrate being in Jersey rather than New Jersey.

The 39-year-old Scot went to the top of the European money list with his third victory of the season in Hamburg on Sunday and, with Europe's leading players all playing at Baltusrol, he is favourite for the Jersey European Airways Open at La Moye.

Not only is Torrance in form, he is also a former winner at the course, having lifted the title two years ago. That helped him to clinch a sixth successive Ryder Cup appearance and now a seventh is within sight. At present he is sixth in the points table and the £50,000 top prize would virtually seal his place in the team.

"I'm telling you now — I'm going to be at The Belfry," said Torrance, whose latest win came courtesy of a 30-foot birdie putt at the first hole of a sudden-death play-off against Ian Woosnam, Paul Broadhurst and Johan Rystrom, of Sweden.

The other motivating force for the Scot this week is the fact that finishing first or second will save him from qualifying for the Open Championship at Royal St George's, Sandwich next month. He is 54th in the Sony world rankings and only the leading 50 are given exemptions on Sunday night.

Mark James is the only player in the 100-strong field who could have been at Baltusrol for the second major of the year.

He turned down the invitation not only because his main target is the Ryder Cup, but also because he suspected the US Open course would not be set up to his liking. It will look a good decision if he lands his third title of the year and becomes a near-certainty for the Cup team.

Broadhurst (seventh), Jamie Spence (ninth) and Gordon Brand Jr (eleventh) are the other leading cup candidates taking part.

Brand withdrew from the event on Sunday when he fell ill in Germany, but then asked to be allowed back in. "I think it must have been hay fever, though I've never suffered from it before," the Bristol-based Scot said. "I got a sore throat again yesterday when it was hot at home."

Brand is back at a course where he lays claim to a world record. In 1986 he eagled all four of La Moye's par fives in a round of 62 that equalled Vicente Fernández's course record.

Milk Race sponsor confirms change

days after Chris White won this year's -mile Milk Race at a rd average speed of mph, the cycling event's nsor, the Milk Marketing ard, yesterday confirmed t its sponsorship, estimated to be worth £750,000, has ied (Peter Bryan writes). e board, which has sponred the world's top pro-am ent since 1958, will be eased out under new EC gulations early next year.

Yesterday, however, the ritish Cycling Federation aid that talks have already een held with potential spon-ors which, if successful, would allow the race to regain its original title, the Tour of Britain. Previous winners of the 13-day event, including the Banana team professional Shane Sutton, who won in 1990, praised the high standards of both the competition and organisation.

"It's such a great race that I'm sure someone is out there to see that it goes on next year," he said.

☐ The British professional road-race champion, Sean Yates, will not defend his title in the Isle of Man on June 27 and will miss the world road-race championships.

Second Baltic win gives Ireland breathing space

Lithuania	0
Ireland	1

FROM PETER BALL IN VILNIUS

IRELAND took another large stride towards qualifying for the World Cup finals yesterday. A desperately narrow victory over Lithuania in the Zalgiris stadium here takes them two points clear of Spain at the top of the group, with three games left to play.

"The Danes and the Spaniards will be sick as parrots when they hear this result," Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, said.

There can be little doubt that Ireland are now favourites. Having now won in both Latvia and Lithuania, while their rivals have dropped points in the Baltic, they can afford to relax for the summer.

With Spain due in Dublin in October, and a potentially tricky visit to Belfast also awaiting Ireland next winter, there is still some room for slip-ups, but the large Irish contingent lining the open stadium beside the River Neris had no doubt. Celebratory chants of "Are you watching, England?" greeted the final whistle, which announced the third successive away win, a new Irish record. For all that, it was a tight match, Lithuania proving, as Charlton had predicted, the most difficult opposition of the three minnows. "I was delighted when the final whistle went," he said.

Lithuania will particularly regret being beaten by a scrappy goal: Staunton's free kick being deflected in by Baltusnikas five minutes before the interval. The goal could hardly have been better timed, Ireland finding Lithuania providing serious opposition even without their three key players, who had remained in Austria.

Until the goal, several of the better chances had fallen to the home side, who found worrying gaps in the Irish defence. In the one blot on the performance, McGrath picked up his second yellow card of the competition for bringing down Kirilovas, but his tackle on the tricky Skarbalius saved the day on one occasion and Mazeikis wasted his side's best chance after Skarbalius opened the way for him.

Before the interval, Ireland's chances were less clear-cut, although Keane nearly ended his search for his first international goal, only for Baltusnikas to kick his shot off the line. The sweeper was less fortunate later as he turned Staunton's driven free kick into the roof of the net.

The Villa left back will claim the goal, his third for Ireland, and the second crucial one in the last month. He scored the equaliser in Albania at the beginning of Ireland's little run.

For a time, it looked as if that goal might open the gates for Ireland. But once again chances went begging and Lithuania rallied impressively to leave Ireland hanging on in the last half-hour.

They did so successfully but once again fortune was on their side as Baranauskas's free kick beat Bonner's dive and came out off the base of the post. On such narrow margins can qualification for the United States depend.

LITHUANIA: V Martinkenas (Dinamo Kilaxi); T Zukas (Zalgiris Vilnius), Baltusnikas (Zalgiris Vilnius), R Mazeikis (Anci Tbilisi), V Buznakovas (Gutenfish), A Skarbalius (Zalgiris Vilnius; sub: T Ramelis), S Baranauskas (SK Vienna), V Urbonas (GV Vilnius; sub: R Zdancius, Zalgiris Vilnius), I Stumbrys (Ekranas), I Kirilovas (Panerys Vilnius), V Slekys (Ekranas).
IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Manchester United), T Phelan (Manchester City), P McGrath (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan (Middlesbrough), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chelsea), R Houghton (Aston Villa), N Quinn (Manchester City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers; sub: R Whelan, Liverpool), S Staunton (Aston Villa).
Referee: R Filipe (Luxembourg).

☐ Uefa, the governing body of European football, yesterday relaxed its target of using only all-seat stadiums from next season for games with a high risk of supporter violence.

The all-seat requirement was put off until the 1998-99 season, giving clubs hit by the recession an additional five years for stadium rebuilding.

"This is realistic," Thomas Kurth, head of Uefa's competitions department, said after an executive committee meeting in Geneva. "Renovations have not moved ahead in the that we, and presumably also the clubs, wanted."

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	9	6	3	0	15	2	15
Spain	9	5	3	1	18	2	13
Denmark	8	4	4	0	9	1	12
N Ireland	9	4	2	3	11	11	10
Lithuania	10	2	3	5	8	15	7
Latvia	11	0	5	6	4	21	5
Albania	10	1	2	7	5	20	4

REMAINING FIXTURES: Aug 25: Denmark v Lithuania. Sep 8: Albania v Denmark; N Ireland v Latvia; Ireland v Lithuania. Sep 22: Albania v Spain. Oct 13: Ireland v Spain; Denmark v N Ireland. Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Refitted Fortuna starts Whitbread challenge in another dimension

Lawrie Smith is delighted by first impressions of his bigger Round the World Race yacht

There were broad grins all round after the first outing aboard our new Whitbread Round the World Race yacht, Fortuna. My design team, led by Javier Visiers and Ian Howlett, has done a remarkable job in transforming what was the smallest, lightest Whitbread maxi in the previous race into the biggest and heaviest yacht for the 1993-4 race.

Fortuna was cut in half during the winter and had a 6ft 6in section added amidships. She is now 84ft long and ketch rigged, carries twice the downwind sail area of Rothmans, the sloop-rigged maxi we raced round last time. To give some comparisons, Fortuna's mizzen gennaker is 20 per cent larger than the biggest spinnaker carried on Rothmans and 30 per cent bigger even than the downwind sail Fortuna flies from her main mast. Such is the amount of sail loaded on our novel second mast that even the Spanish yacht's mizzen staysail dwarfs our old Rothmans mainsail.

The result is an enormous boost in power — so much so that on some points of sail, Fortuna is rushing through the water between 1 and 3knots faster than we ever managed to achieve with the old boat. The mizzen genoa alone adds an immediate 2knots to our speed. That is an enormous advantage which could help us to wipe nine or ten days off the 128-day record when the race starts from Southampton in September.

The yacht has also proved extremely well balanced, showing none of the broaching characteristics displayed so spectacularly by the lighter, narrower yachts of our rivals, Grant Dalton, Pierre Fehlmann and Daniel Malle.

Part of this extra stability is due to Fortuna's wider beam, but principally, this greater balance and control stems from the yacht's new keel and rudder shapes developed after exhaustive tank and wind-tunnel testing at the Wolfson research facilities within Southampton University.

Fortuna's advanced composite mizzen wing mast also provides a significant advance over the highly stressed — and highly vulnerable — second alloy spars stepped on our rivals.

With mizzen booms protruding 16ft from the transom of these latest ketch-rigged yachts, minor accidents are a likely occurrence, especially at the starts, when spectator boats can be as much a hazard as competing yachts. Two yachts lost their mizzen masts during the last race, but our composite rig, moulded from an exotic high tensile glass fibre more expensive than carbon fibre, is strong enough to be almost free-standing.

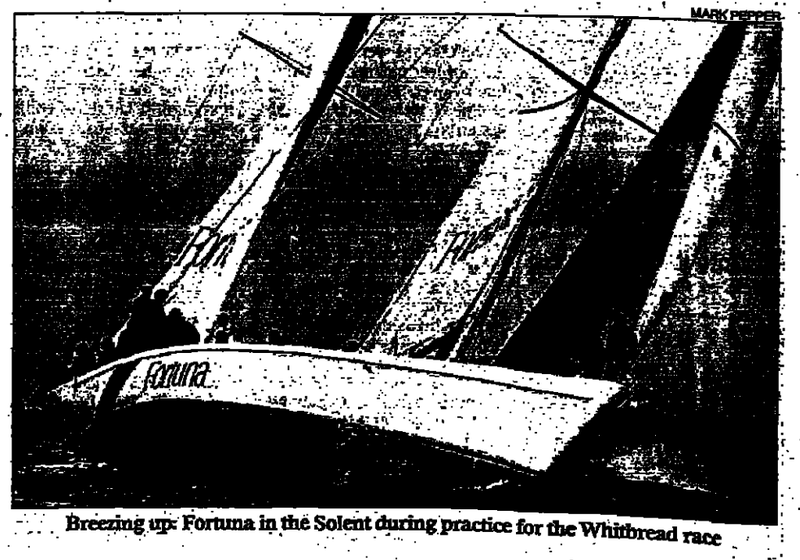
The single Kevlar stays supporting the lower half of the spar mean that windage is cut to a minimum and there is little for the sails to snag on. The mast, which weighs the same as the outdated alloy alternative, also generates considerable lift on its own and its extreme stiffness will allow us to carry greater sail area for longer periods.

These significant speed advantages are only the beginning. This week we commence sail trials and tuning, heading out into the English Channel for two to three days at a time to optimise the rig and balance of the boat. Fortuna carries eight more sails than the old sloops, so there is considerable work in testing individual sails in a variety of conditions as well as orchestrate crew routines.

By August we will be ready to do battle with our rivals. Then, the Fastnet race will indicate whether our wing mast is a winner — when it is too late for our rivals to copy it!

☐ *Lawrie Smith, 37, won an Olympic yachting bronze medal last year and has twice competed in the Whitbread. He will be writing exclusively for The Times on the 1993-4 race.*

MARK PEPPER



Breezing up: Fortuna in the Solent during practice for the Whitbread race

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Contrasting reactions greet winners

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A PUBLISHER of soft pornography and France's most elegant trainer yesterday provided a starkly contrasting scene at Royal Ascot — in more ways than one.

On a day when umbrellas and galoshes replaced parasols and fancy footwear, David Sullivan and Criquette Head had one thing in common. They were winners. All similarities appeared to end there.

For Head, the joy of landing the Coronation Stakes with Gold Splash was positively infectious. Her face lit up with a heavenly smile as she bounded forward in the winner's enclosure to greet her game filly. For all the world it could have been her first training success. In a way it was.

Despite winning the English 1,000 Guineas with Ma Biche, Ravinella and Hatoof, Head had never won a race at Ascot, let alone the royal meeting. Now she wanted to share her joy with the world.

"Bravo, Gerald, fantastique." No interpreter was required for those comments to her jockey, Gerald Mosse, who returned from riding in Hong Kong only nine days ago.

"To win at Ascot is something special. I am so thrilled. It is fantastic," she said with schoolgirl enthusiasm. "Gold Splash loved this ground and she carried her name well," the Chantilly trainer said.

"Gold Splash is very small but she has such a heart. She is fantastic. You cannot imagine what it is like and what this means to me. I just wish Papa [Alec] Head was here, but he will have seen the race on television."

Head: heavenly smile

For Sullivan, the owner-breeder of Risky, five-length winner of the Queen Mary Stakes, it was rather a case of joy confined.

Instead, the wealthy publisher turned his attention to the financial plight of the racehorse owner and the inadequacies, as he saw them, of the Queen's racecourse.

"There are very limited facilities for owners here. You have to bribe someone to get a seat in the restaurant. You cannot book a seat as an owner. If you go to an owner's box it is the equivalent of a two-and-a-half-star hotel," he complained.

As a couple of quite glamorous ladies stood by his side, he continued: "Unless you win a race here today it is very depressing with this rain. I have been on the waiting list for a Royal Ascot box for 20 years and I expect I will be on the waiting list for another 20 years. I could go and buy one on the black market tomorrow, but I won't. Too many boxes change hands in funny deals.

"Owners are entitled to better service and a better deal from the Government. I believe if an owner puts a pound into racing he should get 60p out of it. The other 40p is fun. At the moment, the average owner gets 10p back.

"The Government takes nearly 8p out of the pound bet by a punter, far more than in a casino. It is too higher a percentage."

Much of what Sullivan said is true, about ownership at least, and he plans to reduce his string from 30 to single figures next year.

But Royal Ascot is about glamour, excitement and thrilling racing. Yesterday was a day for Criquette Head and the French.

After Matelot failed by a neck to win the Jersey Stakes for Andre Fabre and Elizabeth Bay finished the same distance behind Gold Splash, Infrasonic went one better for France's top trainer in the Queen's Vase.

Lyric Fantasy could miss the King's Stand Stakes tomorrow. "I don't mind taking a chance if the owners want to, but I would rather wait for faster ground," Richard Hannon, her trainer, said.

JULIAN HERBERT

Game success: Ardkinglass and Willie Ryan, right, outstaying their rivals in the Jersey Stakes yesterday

Cecil proves Ascot master

By Julian Muscat

ALL six winners on the second day of Royal Ascot were bred by their owners, a rare feat in itself, but it was Henry Cecil who cornered the plaudits with a 230-1 training double.

Ardkinglass had to work hard for his neck victory in the Jersey Stakes but Imperial Ballet waltzed away with the Royal Hunt Cup. His 1½-length dismissal of Royal Seaton in no way reflected the ease with which Robert Sangster's colt landed one of the meeting's highlights.

Imperial Ballet heralded Cecil's 59th Royal Ascot winner and the Newmarket handler's domination of this fixture is such that three more winners will see him double the total of his nearest pursuer, Dick Hern.

"I had my first runners in the Hunt Cup today," Cecil said. Nor could Sangster remember following his fortunes in this event before.

"I sent Henry a fax telling him we had to run," Sangster said. "He told me he'd do better with Tapis Rouge [Cecil's better-fancied, runner who finished unplaced] but I insisted."

Little wonder: Sangster backed his Sadler's Wells colt at 25-1, although he added: "The recession is hurting. I've cut back my stake to a quarter of what it might have been."

This was a fine training feat by Cecil as Imperial Ballet is screwed together after he fractured a pastern early in life. Consequently, he had only had six starts in three seasons' racing before yesterday.

Ardkinglass was harried all the way through the final furlong by the French-trained Matelot but Willie Ryan, enjoying a rare group race victory, cajoled his mount to the line for what was, in the end, a decisive score.

Ardkinglass displayed a loathing of soft ground when tried on that surface at Thirsk but Cecil explained: "He has been so well in himself that we had to take a chance. I thought the ground was so soft that they'd go through it."

Matelot's trainer, Andre Fabre, went one better when Infrasonic outclassed those aligned against him in the Queen's Vase.

The son of Dancing Brave was bred by his owner, Khaled Abdulla, who enjoyed a second victory when Source Of Light took the Bessborough Handicap.

Pat Eddery partnered both winners, which, together with his victory on Imperial Ballet, rewarded his army of followers with a 1,007-1 treble.

Michael Roberts received a four-day suspension for using his whip with unreasonable frequency on Turgenev, second in the Bessborough. That, coupled with the five-day ban he received in Italy on Sunday, sidelines him from the June 22 to 30 inclusive, ruling him out of the Irish Derby.

Keith Piggott dies, aged 89

KEITH Piggott, 89, father of Lester, died on Tuesday. Lester rode at Royal Ascot yesterday. "It is what he would have wanted," Susan, Lester's wife, said.

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Assessor ready to reward Hannon

By Julian Muscat

RICHARD Hannon's rise to the top of the training ranks has been fashioned through his ability to get the best from speedily bred, precocious stock. But in Assessor, he has witnessed at first hand the different, equally admirable qualities in the thoroughbred stayer.

Hannon is clearly fond of the stamina-laden Assessor and the four-year-old can etch an even deeper groove in his affections by taking the Ascot Gold Cup today.

Only rarely are races contested over a distance beyond two miles these days. Assessor's credentials are solid enough on that evidence but there seems little doubt his reputation would be greater still were he afforded the opportunity to campaign regularly over the Gold Cup trip of 2½ miles.

Further rain will serve only to increase his chance and, given the probability of a decent early pace, it will take an exceptional staying performance to lower his colours.

Allegan, a rival today, set a sound pace over 1¾ miles at York last month, enabling Assessor, giving 5lb, to come through and win comfortably by a length. At levels, Allegan now faces a formidable task.

Daru, beaten more than 11 lengths, also looks up against it. In receipt of 6lb, he got within a head of Assessor at Sandown next time out, when Arcadian Heights, Allegan. Further Flight and Silvernesian were further behind.

That race, in which Assessor was only third, was a slowly run, muddling affair and totally unsuited to the relentless gallop of which Assessor is capable.

Drum Taps, the Gold Cup winner last year, advertised his well-being in a group three event in Milan last month while the French-trained Sought Out and Turgeon have demonstrated an ability commensurate with lifting a prize such as this. Their recent efforts, however, suggest they may not be the force of old.

Vintage Crop, the Irish challenger, who ran away with the Cesarewitch under a strapping weight last year, should handle conditions and is the main danger.

An 11lb penalty must surely anchor Hannon's bid for a double with Pips Pride in the Cork and Orrery Stakes over six furlongs. College Chapel, representing Vincent O'Brien, has raced exclusively in group company and remains unbeaten after two outings. He should like the ground but Silver Wizard, fifth behind Zafonic in the 2,000 Guineas, can win this.

THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.30 Fabulous Mtoto	2.30 Baron Ferdinand
3.05 COLLEGE CHAPEL (nap)	3.05 College Chapel
3.45 Assessor	3.45 Assessor (next best)
4.20 Turtle Island	4.20 Turtle Island
4.55 Thawakib	4.55 THAWAKIB (nap)
5.30 State Performer	5.30 State Performer

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 Keen Hunter 4.55 IVIZA (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 ASSESSOR.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 KING GEORGE V STAKES BBC1
(Handicap: 3-Y-O: £19,412: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

101 (18) 463-0 ALJAZZAF 63 (Mohamed Obaida) C Brittain 9-7 C Asmussen 84
102 (9) 213 MASTER CHARLIE 20 (D,F) (D Watson) I Balding 9-7 L Dettori 86
103 (17) 33-21 BARON FERDINAND 31 (G) (Exors Mrs de Rothschild) R Charlton 9-5 R Cochrane 87
104 (13) 550-012 EMPIRE POOL 12 (V,F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-5 A Munro 94
105 (12) 021-31 PISTOL RIVER 30 (D,F,S) (P Green) R Hannon 9-5 J Reid 90
106 (7) 221-24 LYFORD CAY 44 (BF,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-4 D Holland 91
107 (15) 005-222 YAHMI 26 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-4 R Hills 83
108 (16) 20-21 BLACK DRAGON 16 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-12 M Roberts 93
109 (14) 03-2011 SUN OF SPRING 12 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-12 NON-RUNNER
110 (11) 10-0401 DEVILRY 33 (F,G) (Lady Mcindoe) G Lewis 8-11 J Weaver (3) 92
111 (4) 6-31423 LIJAAM 12 (D,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 W R Swinburn 94
112 (6) 5-041 GLEN ECHO 17 (S) (S Cohn) G Harwood 8-10 T Quinn 87
113 (10) 30-1133 MARROS MILL 20 (V,D,G,S) (A Simpson) M Bell 8-10 M Hills 90
114 (5) 5521 SHARAAR 19 (G) (Ali K Al Jafleh) W Haggas 8-9 D Harrison (3) 87
115 (1) 301-04 BEAUMAN 19 (S) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-8 P Robinson 84
116 (9) 0201 FABULOUS MTOTO 14 (G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Elsworth 8-8 W Carson 99
117 (2) 0-0641 LEARMONT 6 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8 (4ex) J Carroll 89
118 (20) 00-0114 CIRCUS COLOURS 12 (D,BF,G) (Exors of R McAlpine) J Dunlop 8-7 Pat Eddery 98
119 (19) 00500-1 CONTRACT COURT 6 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-3 (4ex) Dean McKeown 95
120 (3) 0-04311 ALLESCA 5 (D,S) (Miss D Kerr) M Usher 8-2 (4ex) N Adams 85

BETTING: 7-1 Black Dragon, 9-1 Learmont, 10-1 Pistol River, Fabulous Mtoto, Circus Colours, 12-1 Baron Ferdinand, 14-1 Allesca, 16-1 Master Charlie, Empire Pool, Lijaam, Marros Mill, Contract Court, 20-1 others.

1992: SOURCE OF LIGHT 8-10 Pat Eddery (12-1) R Charlton 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARON FERDINAND beat Fieldridge by 2l in a maiden at Bath (1m 2f 46yd, good). PISTOL RIVER beat Bohemian Crown 1l in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). BLACK DRAGON beat Winged Victory a neck in a maiden at Sandown (1m 2f, firm). EMPIRE POOL 1½l 2nd to Sun Of Spring in 5-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm) with LIJAAM (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd and CIRCUS COLOURS (2lb better off) 1½l 4th. DEVILRY beat Last Embrace short-head in a 21-runner handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good). SHARAAR beat Phrose by 2l in a apprentice maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, good). FABULOUS MTOTO beat Stag a Rainbow by 1½l in a maiden at Epsom (1m 2f 18yd, good). CONTRACT COURT beat Jonsalan by 3l in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good).
Selection: BLACK DRAGON

3.05 CORK AND ORRERY STAKES BBC1
(Group III: £40,645: 6f) (20 runners)

201 (6) 11/6222- KEEN HUNTER 222 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 6-9-7 M Roberts 84
202 (9) 0225-22 MONDE BLEU 14 (D,BF,G,S) (Daniel Wildenstein) A Fabre (Fr) 5-9-4 T Jarnet 90
203 (4) 301-610 HAMAS 17 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-9-0 W Carson 97
204 (17) 422-363 STREET REBEL 7 (B,D,G) (P Garvey) N Meade (Ire) 5-9-0 S Craine 82
205 (14) 51421-1 PIPS PRIDE 26 (C,D,G,S) (Mrs V Grant) R Hannon 3-8-13 L Dettori 84
206 (3) 11 COLLEGE CHAPEL 26 (D,G,S) (Mrs M O'Brien) M V O'Brien (Ire) 3-8-10 L Piggott 97
207 (7) 21U-209 CRADLE DAYS 15 (F,G) (T Johnsey) R Hannon 4-8-10 M J Kinane 72
208 (19) 2-05104 FYLDE FLYER 26 (D,F,G,S) (Blackpool Gazette & Herald Ltd) J Berry 4-8-10 J Carroll 91
209 (13) 314-423 MONTENDRE 35 (D,F,G) (D Mort) M McCormack 6-8-10 J Reid 88
210 (15) 016-040 PETARDIA 33 (CD,F) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-10 M Hills 83
211 (10) 252-522 THOURIOS 15 (G) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 4-8-10 T Quinn 88
212 (8) 253-423 GARAH 17 (D,F,G) (Prince A A Faisal) H Cecil 4-8-7 Pat Eddery 99
213 (5) 00-3136 STACK ROCK 26 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 6-8-7 K Fallon 86
214 (18) 41132-5 MARINA PARK 65 (CD,F,G) (Greenland Park) M Johnston 3-8-3 Dean McKeown 84
215 (20) 110-305 BRIGG FAIR 27 (D,F,G) (J Norman) R Hannon 3-8-2 R Hills 82
216 (11) 33-11 DOLPHIN STREET 27 (D,F,G) (S Niarchos) J Hammond (Fr) 3-8-2 K Darley 93
217 (16) 2-13305 NORDIC FOX 26 (D,G) (Mrs C Shubotham) J Bolger (Ire) 3-8-2 J A Heffernan 80
218 (1) 31118-0 RAIN BROTHER 18 (D,G) (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-2 D Holland 83
219 (2) 1314-45 SILVER WIZARD 47 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) G Lewis 3-8-2 A Munro 96
220 (12) 12-11 SPECIFIED 34 (D,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-2 Paul Eddery 92

BETTING: 5-1 College Chapel, 6-1 Dolphin Street, 9-1 Silver Wizard, 10-1 Thourios, Garah, Specified, 12-1 Keen Hunter, Monde Bleu, Pip's Pride, 14-1 Montendre, 16-1 others.

1992: SHALFORD 4-9-4 M Roberts (3-1 fav) R Hannon 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

KEEN HUNTER 2l 2nd of 9 to Mr Brooks in the group I Cigo Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, heavy) last October. MONDE BLEU short-head 2nd of 6 to Surprise Offer in the group II Prix du Gros-Chene at Chantilly (5f, soft). HAMAS beat GARAH (4lb better off) ½l in the 10-runner group III Duke of York Stakes at York (6f, good) on penultimate start with MONTENDRE (4lb better off) 2l 3rd. PIPS PRIDE beat Braxton Abby head in a 9-runner listed race at Lingfield (6f, good to soft) with FYLDE FLYER (15lb better off) 2½l 4th. COLLEGE CHAPEL completed double, beat Pembroke by 1l in the group III Greenlands Stakes at The Curragh (6f, yielding) with STREET REBEL (4lb better off) 3l 3rd and NORDIC FOX (4lb better off) ½l 5th. PETARDIA 8l 4th of 14 to Zafonic in group I 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start with SILVER WIZARD (8lb better off) neck 5th. THOURIOS head 2nd of 8 to Enharmonic in group III Diomed Stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good). GARAH 1l 3rd of 10 to Paris House in group III Group Temple Stakes at Sandown (5f, good to firm) with HAMAS poor 8th. DOLPHIN STREET completed double, beat Night Melody 3l in listed race at Baden-Baden (6f, good to firm).
Selection: DOLPHIN STREET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	11	39	28.2	Pat Eddery	19	90	21.1
Lord Huntingdon	3	11	27.3	R Hills	4	25	16.0
G Wragg	7	30	23.3	W R Swinburn	8	64	12.5
J Dunlop	5	26	19.2	A Munro	4	37	10.8
P Cole	4	22	18.2	W Carson	8	75	10.7
J Gosden	3	20	15.0	Only qualifiers			

3.45 GOLD CUP BBC1
(Group I: £107,464: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

301 (5) 02224-5 ARCADIAN HEIGHTS 17 (F,G) (J Pearce) G Wragg 5-9-2 W R Swinburn 89
302 (6) 11232-1 DRUM TAPS 39 (CD,F,G,S) (Yoshio Asakawa) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-2 L Dettori 98
303 (7) 1116-40 FURTHER FLIGHT 17 (BF,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 7-9-2 M Hills 86
304 (10) 3/456-32 TURGEON 33 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Pease (Fr) 7-9-2 M Roberts 87
305 (8) 3151-31 VINTAGE CROP 10 (F,G,S) (Dr M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 6-9-2 M J Kinane 92
306 (2) 16-1228 ALLEGAN 17 (G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 93
307 (4) 31-4213 ASSESSOR 17 (C,G,S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 4-9-0 T Quinn 99
308 (1) 12-1504 DARU 17 (V,F,G,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0 R Cochrane 91
309 (3) 5441-00 SILVERNESIAN 17 (F,S) (Garrison Italia) J Dunlop 4-9-0 W Carson 92
310 (2) 2113-22 SOUGHT OUT 25 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Ld Weinstock) J Hammond (Fr) 5-8-13 C Asmussen 91

BETTING: 9-4 Assessor, 7-2 Sought Out, 5-1 Drum Taps, Vintage Crop, 12-1 Further Flight, 14-1 Arcadian Heights, 16-1 Allegan, 20-1 Turgeon, 33-1 others.

1992: DRUM TAPS 6-9-2 L Dettori (7-4 fav) Lord Huntingdon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

DRUM TAPS beat Oasisfalas 7l in 4-runner group III Coppa D'Oro di Milano at San Siro (1m 7f, heavy). Beat ARCADIAN HEIGHTS (same terms) 2l in this race (good to firm) last year with TURGEON (same terms) 3l 3rd. TURGEON short-head 2nd of 8 to Embarcadero in group III Gladiateur-Rennen at Baden-Baden (2m, soft). VINTAGE CROP beat Bayshell Lady 2½l in 5-runner conditions race at Leopardstown (1m 6f, good). Beat Specificity 8l in 24-runner handicap at Newmarket (2m 2f, good to firm) on final start last year. ASSESSOR ¾l 3rd of 8 to Brier Creek in group III Henry II Stakes at Sandown (2m 78yd, good to firm) with DARU (6lb worse off) head 4th, ARCADIAN HEIGHTS (6lb worse off) 1½l 5th, ALLEGAN (6lb worse off) neck 6th, FURTHER FLIGHT 7th and SILVERNESIAN 8th. Beat Always Friendly 2½l in 12-runner group I Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp (1m 7f 110yd, soft) on final start last year with SOUGHT OUT 6l 3rd and ALLEGAN 6th. SOUGHT OUT ¾l 2nd of 8 to Dadarissime in group II Prix Vicomtesse Vigier at Longchamp (1m 7f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: ASSESSOR (nap)

4.20 NORFOLK STAKES BBC2
(Group III: 2-Y-O: £24,249: 5f) (8 runners)

401 (6) 2 CRAGGAMMORE 22 (A Stoddart) J Hills 8-13 M Hills 84
402 (4) 492 DOLLAR GAMBLE 10 (J Leali) R Hannon 8-13 Pat Eddery 73
403 (3) 11 GOLD LAND 19 (D,G) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-13 A Munro 99
404 (2) 113 HIGH DOMAIN 14 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 8-13 L Dettori 84
405 (8) 13 LONG GALLERY 33 (D,F) (Mrs M Gassick) M Gassick (Ire) 8-13 M J Kinane 86
406 (5) 11 REDOUBTABLE 16 (D,F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-13 T Quinn 94
407 (1) 1 TURTLE ISLAND 62 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 J Reid 91
408 (7) 31 YA MALAK 22 (D,G) (G Jabre) J Payne 8-13 R Cochrane 81

BETTING: 2-1 Redoubtable, 9-4 Turtle Island, 3-1 Gold Land, 8-1 Ya Malak, 16-1 Long Gallery, 20-1 High Domain, 33-1 Craggammore, 50-1 Dollar Gamble.

1992: NICHE 8-8 L Piggott (9-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRAGGAMORE 1½l 2nd of 17 to Governor General in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good to soft). GOLD LAND beat Zuno Star 5l in 4-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f, good). HIGH DOMAIN 3½l 3rd of 9 in Petit Afrique in a conditions race at Beverley (5f, good to firm). LONG GALLERY 3l 3rd of 7 to The Puzzler in a listed race at The Curragh (5f, yielding). REDOUBTABLE beat Risky head in a 5-runner race at Sandown (5f, firm). TURTLE ISLAND beat Passing Player 5l in an 8 runner maiden at Newbury (5f, good). YA MALAK beat Fast Eddy 3½l in a 13-runner maiden at Ripon (5f, good).
Selection: REDOUBTABLE

4.55 RIBBLESDALE STAKES
(Group II: 3-Y-O fillies: £59,407: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

501 (3) 124-321 BRIGHT GENERATION 25 (D,F,G) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro 90
502 (1) 3105-10 ABURY 12 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 J Reid 87
503 (7) 134-36 IVIZA 12 (V,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8 M Roberts 97
504 (8) 3-16130 MAGICAL RETREAT 34 (G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-8 T Quinn 93
505 (6) 1-8 NA-AYIM 50 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Scott 8-8 R Hills 79
506 (2) 222-35 REINE DE NEIGE 48 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-8 W R Swinburn 91
507 (5) 4-124 TALENTED 25 (G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 8-8 Pat Eddery 90
508 (4) 511-4 THAWAKIB 82 (C,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-8 W Carson 99

BETTING: 2-1 Abury, 7-2 Iviza, 4-1 Talented, Thawakib, 11-2 Bright Generation, 20-1 Reine De Neige, 25-1 Magical Retreat, 33-1 Na-Ayim.

1992: ARMARAMA 8-8 M Roberts (5-2 fav) C Brittain 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRIGHT GENERATION beat Rosa Violet 2½l in 10-runner group I Italian Oaks at San Siro (1m 4f, good to firm) with TALENTED (6lb better off) 3½l 4th. ABURY beat Bashayer head in 6-runner Cheshire Oaks at Chester (1m 3f 97yd, good to firm) with MAGICAL RETREAT 3½l 3rd and REINE DE NEIGE 2l 5th. IVIZA 8½l 6th of 14 to Intrepidity in group I Energizer Oaks at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm) with ABURY head 7th. MAGICAL RETREAT beat BRIGHT GENERATION (1lb worse off) ¾l in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). TALENTED neck 2nd of 6 to Oakmead in group III Oaks Trial at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm). THAWAKIB 7¾l 4th of 7 to Sueboog in group III Fred Darling at Newbury (7f 64yd, good).
Selection: IVIZA

5.30 CHESHAM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £19,912: 6f) (7 runners)

601 (1) 1 GOVERNOR GEORGE 22 (S) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 96
602 (6) 1 STATE PERFORMER 35 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 99
603 (5) ALJATHAAB (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) R Comery (UAE) 8-12 M Roberts —
604 (2) 243 CHICKAWICKA 15 (Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction Ltd) B Millman 8-12 S Whitworth 96
605 (7) 6 TIME STAR 36 (Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-12 A Munro —
606 (3) IZZA (F Kalla) C Brittain 8-7 M J Kinane —
607 (4) 0 L'ETAT C'EST MOI 13 (H de Kwiatkowski) Lord Huntingdon 8-7 Pat Eddery —

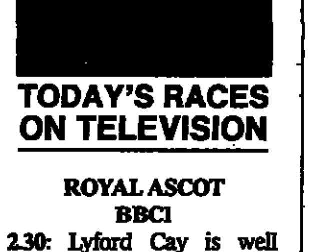
BETTING: 4-5 State Performer, 3-1 Governor George, 13-2 Time Star, 14-1 Chickawicka, 15-1 Aljathaab, 20-1 L'Etat C'Est Moi, 25-1 Izza.

1992: HUMAM 8-12 R Hills (2-1 fav) H Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOVERNOR GEORGE beat Craggammore 1½l in maiden at Newbury (5f, good to soft). STATE PERFORMER beat Star Selection 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at York (6f, good). CHICKAWICKA 3½l 3rd to Moccasin Run in a listed race at Epsom (6f, good). TIME STAR 16l 6th of 10 to Sionehatch in conditions race at York (6f,good). L'ETAT C'EST MOI 13l 9th to Crazy Paving in a maiden at Goodwood (6f, good). ALJATHAAB (Foaled Apr 22, cost $200,000). Brother to Salt Dome, very smart sprint winner in the United States. IZZA (Mar 8, 22,000gns). By Unknown out of a 5f winner.
Selection: STATE PERFORMER

□ Royal Ascot suffered another crowd reverse on a rain-lashed second day. The 45,178 attendance was 4,178 down on the previous year. The Tote announced its turnover had fallen by seven per cent.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ROYAL ASCOT

BBC1

2.30: Lyford Cay is well handicapped but, given his breeding, looks far from certain to see out this longer trip. The Geoff Lewis-trained Devilry is tough but has exposed form in a race that usually goes to a lightly raced sort. Fabulous Mtoto's Epsom victory provided a glimpse of the ability he has shown David Elsworth at home but the Bath winner, **Baron Ferdinand**, can show improved form and provide Roger Charlton with a second successive victory in this event.

3.05: Although Silver Wizard and Specified will have their supporters, this could be fought out by overseas horses. Monde Bleu, Andre Fabre's representative, has group winning form and must be feared on this soft ground after two promising efforts over a shorter trip. However, three-year-olds have won this race six times in the past decade and the highly regarded **College Chapel**, winner of his only two starts, both at group level, can oblige for Lester Piggott and Vincent O'Brien ahead of John Hammond's Dolphin Street.

3.45: The Gold Cup has been **Assessor's** target all season and the feature race of the day looks made for Richard Hannon's out-and-out stayer. With a good gallop guaranteed by the front-running Sought Out, Assessor can repeat his Prix Royal-Oak superiority over John Hammond's mare. Drum Taps was beaten twice by Sought Out last year and may not be at his best on this ground.

BBC2

4.20: Paul Cole's Gold Land is worth opposing here. A son of Gone West, sire of Zafonic, he is unlikely to appreciate this soft ground. Redoubtable has run on firm ground only and had a hard race at Sandown last time, so Robert Sangster's **Turtle Island**, who was impressive on his debut at Newbury, gets the vote.

Richard Evans

THUNDERER

2.15 Mister Piste. 2.50 Fletcher's Bounty. 3.25 Sovereign Page. 4.00 For The Present. 4.35 Pero. 5.10 Shilka.

Newmarket Correspondent: 3.25 Sovereign Page.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 LEYBURN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,236: 5f) (15 runners)

1 5 CASPIAN GOLD 17 M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 8
2 035 CLOSE TO REALITY 52 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 D Thomas (7) 7
3 CREEK VALLEY Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 Raymond Berry 11
4 DURANO M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 13
5 300 GALLIC GENT 18 C Tinkler 9-0 G Duffield 12
6 -5 GENERAL GUBBINS 8 J Hetherton 9-0 B Raymond 9
7 05 HELLABY 10 S Norton 9-0 W Ryan 10
8 0 MISTER PISTE 24 Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Fanning 2
9 MITSIS Bob Jones 9-0 A Mackay 14
10 0 RENNYHOLME 13 M Elsey 9-0 S Morris 1
11 CELESTIAL DANCE J Berry 8-9 G Carter 15
12 ELIJNED MAY R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 3
13 FAIREY FIREFLY M Camacho 8-9 N Connorton 4
14 LINSTONE LADY B Rothwell 8-9 J Fortune 5
15 00 POT LEEK LADY 27 W Bentley 8-9 R Lappin 6

3-1 Celestial Dance, 4-1 Durano, 5-1 Hellaby, 7-1 Caspian Gold, 8-1 others.

2.50 NORTHALLERTON APPRENTICE CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,600: 1m) (18)

1 300-0 NIMBLE DEER 20 J Glover 4-9-10 Sarah Senior (7) 5
2 0530 DREAM CARRIER 15 (F,G) T Barron 5-9-7 V Halliday 17
3 5082 BREEZE AWAY 8 (F) R Whitaker 4-8-12 G Parkin (3) 12
4 2303 FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 18 Mrs M Reveley 4-8-7 S Copp (5) 18
5 4310 CHANTRY BELLINI 15 (G) C Thornton 4-8-7 G Mills (7) 3
6 0690 MANULEADER 13 (B,G) J Norton 4-8-6 C Hawksley 13
7 5665 PUBLIC WAY 13 (G) N Chamberlain 3-8-4 C Teague (5) 9
8 4-40 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 12 (G) J White 5-8-4 D Wright 11
9 5223 SOOTY TERN 5 (D,F,G) J Bradley 6-8-4 Mark Denaro (3) 15
10 6-40 ALWAYS RISKY 41 (D,G) Miss L Perratt 3-8-3 R Havlin (3) 14
11 0261 PRIDE OF PENDLE 9 (D,F,S) P Calver 4-8-3 (4ex) J Tate 10
12 0060 DEPUTY TIM 9 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 10-8-1 J A Williams (7) 4
13 -000 VERDANT BOY 13 (C,D,F,G,S) M Wane 10-8-1 G Mitchell (3) 16
14 5-45 CANNY LAD 28 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-0 D McCabe 1
15 5-00 DANDY DESIRE 28 B Morgan 4-7-13 S Sanders 8
16 0-06 BOLD LINE 41 P Haslam 3-7-9 C Adamson (7) 7
17 446 MR ABBOT 22 Mrs M Reveley 3-7-7 N Varley (3) 6
18 -062 DOTS DEE 15 J Bradley 4-7-7 A Whelan (5) 2

5-1 Breeze Away, 6-1 Pride Of Pendle, 7-1 Fletcher's Bounty, 8-1 Sooty Tern, 9-1 Chantry Bellini, 10-1 Dream Carrier, 12-1 Canny Lad, Dots Dee, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 21 winners from 38 runners, 55.3%; L Cumani, 8 from 27, 29.6%; M Stoute, 10 from 34, 29.4%; A Stewart, 5 from 19, 26.3%; B Hills, 8 from 34, 23.5%; J Gosden, 6 from 29, 20.7%.
JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 13 winners from 79 rides, 16.5%; G Carter, 12 from 73, 16.4%; M Birch, 22 from 174, 12.6%; W Newnes, 4 from 32, 12.5%; N Connorton, 10 from 85, 11.8%.

3.25 PRICE WATERHOUSE HANDICAP (£3,752: 1m 2f) (10)

1 1056 LEIF THE LUCKY 17 (G,S) Miss S Hall 4-10-0 N Connorton 3
2 0-04 ASHDREN 13J (C,G,S) A Harrison 6-9-12 W Ryan 8
3 0010 AKKAZAO 16 (D,F) T Mills 5-9-7 J Fortune 4
4 3611 SOVEREIGN PAGE 1 (D,F) B Hanbury 4-9-5 (6ex) J Tate (7) 5
5 0-00 SUNTAN 7 (F,S) R O'Leary 4-8-3 A Culhane 2
6 1312 SUPERTOP 14 (D,F,G) P Harris 5-9-2 M Birch 1
7 6-00 RULLY 27 (S) C Brittain 4-8-12 W Newnes 7
8 0025 SCOTTISH PARK 26 (F) M Hammond 4-8-11 G Duffield 10
9 00-5 WHO'S TEF 17J (CD,F) M H Easterby 5-8-3 S Maloney (3) 6
10 0232 TOUCH ABOVE 8 (D,BF,F) T Barron 7-7-13 G Carter 9

11-10 Sovereign Page, 4-1 Supertop, 7-1 Touch Above, 8-1 Leif The Lucky, 13-1 Ashdren, 12-1 Akkazao, Who's Tef, 14-1 Scottish Park, 16-1 others.

4.00 NORMAN WELLS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,056: 6f) (11)

1 -100 BARIK 19 (D,BF,G,S) A Stewart 9-7 A McGlone 4
2 0-65 PALACEGATE TOUCH 19 (B,D,G,S) J Berry 9-6 G Carter 1
3 0041 RAIN SPLASH 7 (D,G,S) J Balding 8-13 (7ex) Claire Balding (7) 8
4 0050 THE SHARP BIDDER 26 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-12 W Ryan 2
5 -510 FOR THE PRESENT 5 (CD,F,G) T Barron 8-12 B Raymond 3
6 0-00 BALLON 50 C Brittain 8-11 W Newnes 7
7 2-50 SABO SONG 17 (BF,F) P Haslam 8-9 Dale Gibson 6
8 0222 FIRST OPTION 13 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 9
9 30-1 FIRST PLAY 17 (D,G) J Berry 8-7 J Fortune 11
10 06-0 ROYAL DIVA 22 (D,G) Miss S Hall 8-7 N Connorton 10
11 50-6 EGG 80 (CD,BF,S) T Barron 8-5 V Halliday (7) 5

7-2 First Option, 4-1 For The Present, 5-1 Barik, 6-1 First Play, 8-1 Rain Splash, 10-1 Palacegate Touch, 12-1 Ballon, Sabo Song, 14-1 others.

4.35 HOB GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (£3,523: 1m 4f 60yd) (11)

1 4-43 ARKAAN 16 M Stoute 3-8-4 B Raymond 9
2 308- BLUE LAWS 265 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-4 S Maloney (3) 2
3 00 HADDAAJ 56 B Hanbury 3-8-4 J Tate (7) 10
4 0 MOHAYA 8 B Hanbury 3-8-4 W Ryan 7
5 0-5 PERO 68 B Hills 3-8-4 G Hind 4
6 33 DUNNELLON 20 J Watts 3-7-13 Duffield 1
7 EDITHMEAD P Harris 3-7-13 Norton 11
8 50 HIGH CHAIR 22 P Haslam 3-7-13 D Gibson 3
9 0-0 MINTEEN 9 J White 3-7-13 D Wright (7) 6
10 5 MOONSHINE LAKE 16 H Cecil 3-7-13 A McGlone 5
11 TREE OF LIFE L Cumani 3-7-13 G Carter 8

7-4 Arkaan, 9-4 Moonshine Lake, 6-1 Dunnellon, Pero, 10-1 Tree Of Life, 16-1 Blue Laws, 20-1 others.

5.10 MIDDLEHAM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,523: 1m) (6)

1 00- ALMONTY 183 T Mills 9-0 Carter 1
2 CHARLOTTES BILLO R O'Leary 9-0 Birch 2
3 5 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 16 N Tinkler 9-0 NON-RUNNER 3
4 00 ASTERN 65 J Gosden 8-9 Hind 5
5 5 RAFF 70 A Stewart 8-9 A McGlone 4
6 SHILKA J Fanshawe 8-9 Gifield 6

5-4 Raff, 9-4 Shilka, 4-1 Astern, 16-1 Almonty, 25-1 Charlottes Billo.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Royal Ascot: 2.30 Empire Pool, Marros Mill. 4.55 Iviza 4.55. Ripon: 4.00 Palacegate Touch.

Royal Ascot

Going: soft

2.30 JERSEY STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £40,432: 7f)
ARDKINGLASS b c Green Desert - Reuval (Sir David Wills) 9-1 W Ryan (10-1) 1.
Matelot gr c Riverman - Le Grande Epoque (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-1 T Jarnet (7-1) 2.
Abbey's Gal b f Efisio - Outward's Gal (J Williamson) 8-7 L Dettori (9-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Revelation (5th), 6 Goodnight Kiss, 10 Pembroke, 12 Eurolink Thunder (4th), Mithl Al Hawa (6th), 14 Firm Pledge, 20 Holly Golightly, Humam, Rustic Craft, 40 Colour Party, 50 Roger The Butler, 100 Friendly Brave. 15 ran. Nk, 2l, 1½l, 2½l, hd. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £12.20; £3.50, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £33.20. Trio: £106.80 CSF: £67.96. 1min 35.68sec.

3.05 QUEEN MARY STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £28,152: 5f)
RISKY b f Risk Me - Dona Krista (Roldvale Ltd) 8-8 W R Swinburn (11-2) 1.
Snipe Hall b f Crofthall - Geopelia (Mrs R Watson) 8-8 P Robinson (10-1) 2.
Elrafa Ah b f Storm Cat - Bubbles Darlene (H Al-Maktoum) 8-8 R Hills (14-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 3 fav Velvet Moon (4th), 9-2 Rohita, 13-2 Queenbird (5th), 8 Double Down, 14 Pommes Frites, 25 Nera, 33 Nightitude, Threatening (6th). 11 ran. 5l, 2½l, sh hd, 2l, ¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £2.50, £4.60. DF: £22.20. Trio: £109.70. CSF: £52.08. 1min 4.75sec.

3.45 CORONATION STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £109,537: 1m rnd)
GOLD SPLASH ch f Blushing Groom - Riviere D'Or (J Wertheimer) 9-0 G Mosse (100-30) 1.
Elizabeth Bay b f Mr Prospector - Life At The Top (Shaikh Mohammed) 9-0 T Jarnet (7-2) 2.
Zarani Sidi Anna b f Danzig - Emmaline (M Al-Maktoum) 9-0 W R Swinburn (10-1) 3.
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Nicer (4th), 13-2 Sumoto (5th). 5 ran. NR: Niche. Nk, ¾l, 4l, 30l. Mme C Head in France. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £1.60. DF: £7.20. CSF: £12.87. 1min 47.68sec.

4.20 ROYAL HUNT CUP (Handicap: £42,955: 1m str)
IMPERIAL BALLET b c Sadler's Wells - Amaranda (R Sangster) 4-8-12 Pat Eddery (20-1) 1.
Royal Seaton b g Blakeney - Aldbury Girl (Axminster Carpets Ltd) 4-7-13 A Mackay (12-1) 2.
Philidor b c Forzando - Philgwyn (J Smith) 4-7-9 N Kennedy (14-1) 3.
Double Flutter b f Beldale Flutter - Perfect Double (John W Mitchell) 4-7-0 Antoinette Armes (33-1) 4.
ALSO RAN: 15-2 fav Tapis Rouge, 10 Gymcrak Premiere, 14 Salmon Eile, Elharsto, Nashville Blues, Forever Diamonds, 16 Band On The Run, King Athelstan, Jade Vale, 20 High Premium, Mango Manila, Trooping, Tender Moment (6th), 25 Piquant, Double Echo, 33 Approach The Bench, Neptune's Pet, Milsolin, Indian Slave, Grand Vitesse, Little Rousillon, Walking The Plank (5th), 50 Spanish Storm, Claybank, Buzzards Bellbuoy, Courageous Knight. 30 ran. NR: Sand Table, Rutland Water. 1½l, 5l, 2l, nk, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £18.30; £3.10, £3.80, £3.80, £11.60. DF: £245.10. Trio: £1,002.90 CSF: £231.97. Tricast: £3,165.72. 1min 47.40sec.

4.55 QUEEN'S VASE (Group III: 3-Y-O: £34,639: 2m 45yd)
INFRASONIC b c Dancing Brave - Infra Green (K Abdulla) 8-11 Pat Eddery (3-1 fav) 1.
Silverdale ch c Silver Hawk - Norene's Nemesis (Shaikh Mohammed) 8-11 M Roberts (7-1) 2.
Kassab b c Caerleon - Red Comes Up (H Al-Maktoum) 8-11 W Carson (11-2) 3.
ALSO RAN: 4 Acanthus (6th), 5 Saint Keyne (4th), Spring To Action (5th), 40 Blue Grotto, 66 Boner Bridge. 8 ran. ¾l, 3½l, 2½l, 12l, ¾l. A Fabre in France. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £13.60. Trio: £11.40. CSF: £21.02. 3min 46.47sec.

5.30 BESSBOROUGH HANDICAP (£20,225: 1m 4f)
SOURCE OF LIGHT b g Rainbow Quest - De Stael (K Abdulla) 4-9-3 Pat Eddery (11-1) 1.
Turgenev b c Sadler's Wells - Tilia (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-9-2 M Roberts (9-1) 2.
Blackpatch Hill br g Efisio - Myrtlegrove (J L Dunlop) 4-8-4 W Carson (4-1 fav) 3.
Last Embrace b f Shernazar - Melodramatic (E J Loder) 4-8-5 D Harrison (10-1) 4.
ALSO RAN: 7 Pharlatched, 9 Whitechapel, 11 Port Sunlight, 12 Oh So Risky, 16 Moonlight Quest, 20 Glide Path, 25 Durshan (5th), Sword Master, Lyphantastic, Much Sought After, Shadows of Silver, 50 Arbusha (6th). 16 ran. NR: Steel Sider, Fieldridge, Miss Pin Up, Northern Graduate. ¾l, nk, 7l, sh hd, ¾l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £11.90; £3.00, £2.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £30.20. Trio: £92.30, £93.30. Tricast: £422.90. 2min 39.62sec. After stewards enquiry, result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £57,781.21 carried forward to Royal Ascot today).
Placepot: £635.00.

Nottingham

Going: good to soft (soft patches in straight)

2.10 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Don't Forget Marie (A Whelan, 5-4 fav); 2, Kiawah (7-1); 3, Formal Affair (9-2). 8 ran. 2l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.40, £1.70. DF: £5.50. CSF: £9.84.

2.40 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Hoosie (J Weaver, 2-1); 2, Meant To Be (15-8 fav); 3, Millyel (16-1). 7 ran. NR: Where Are We. ¾l, 8l. C Brittain. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £2.00. CSF: £6.31.

3.10 (5f 13yd) 1, Dances With Risk (G Hind, 7-4 fav); 2, Resonant (9-2); 3, Stelloso (3-1). 9 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. G Lewis. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.10 DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.63.

3.40 (6f 15yd) 1, Brookhead Lady (J Williams, 3-1 fav); 2, Claret Bumble (6-1); 3, Rita's Joy (8-1). 11 ran. 1½l, 4l. P Evans. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £16.60. CSF: £21.10.

4.10 (2m 9yd) 1, Five To Seven (O Pears, 11-8 fav); 2, Matching Green (7-4); 3, Kovalevskia (11-4). 3 ran. 3l, 20l. S Norton. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.55.

4.40 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, So Saucy (A Tucker, 7-2); 2, Clarification (14-1); 3, Eye Witness (5-2 fav). 9 ran. NR: Diplomatist. Meehan. Tote: £5.30; £1.60, £9.90. DF (1st or 2nd with any other) £1.80. £47.57. Tricast: £134.90.

5.10 (1m 54yd) 1, Quantity Surveyor, Duffield, 7-1); 2, Amenable (8-1); 3, Northern Trial (33-1). Jahangir 7-2 ran. NR: Duckey Fuzz 1½l. Prescott. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £22.20. CSF: £54.68. £1,547.29.

Placepot: £6.10.

Ripon

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.15 (6f) 1, Zuno Star (Paul Eddery, fav); 2, Best Kept Secret (100-30); 3, Diver (20-1). 7 ran. 1l, 7l. G Lewis. £1.70; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £

2.50 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Highflying (J Tate, fav); 2, Mr Woodcock (4-1); 3, Salu (9-1). ran. 5l, 10l. G Moore. Tote: £1.60. £1.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.16.

3.25 (1m) 1, Brown's (Stephen Davies, 2); 2, Awestruck (11-2); 3, Silverlocks (2). 8 ran. NR: Solomon's Dancer. ¾l, 3l. Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £5.50. CSF: £16.72. Tricast: £60.33. Solomon's Dancer (5-2) withdrawn, not under orders - rule 4 applies, deduction 25p in £.

4.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Scenic Dancer (L Hide, 9-1); 2, Mysterious Maid (11-2); 3, Prime Painter (6-1); 4, Saint Ciel (7); Shamshom Al Arab, Westholme 5-1; 18 ran. 5l, 2l. A Hide. Tote: £14.00; £1.30, £2.40, £2.00. DF: £35.10. CSF: £61.74. Tricast: £308.02.

4.35 (5f) 1, Ballad Dancer (M Birch, 11); 2, Simmie's Special (12-1); 3, Just Bob (2). Very Dicey 3-1 fav. 12 ran. ½l, sh hd. Calver. Tote: £15.10; £2.70, £3.60, £2.00. DF: £78.30. CSF: £126.02. Tricast: £626.98.

5.05 (1m 2f) 1, Sovereign Page (J Tate, 4-6 fav); 2, Express Gift (11-2); 3, Delpomba (4-1). 6 ran. NR: Floating Line. 1½l, 2½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £4.00. CSF: £4.94.

5.35 (1m 2f) 1, George Dillingham (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Gone Troppo (6-4 fav); 3, Lord Bothwell (8-1). 13 ran. Hd, 3½l. F Harris. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £1.20, £3.00. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.73.

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Ashes fortunes slowly turning into a pitch battle

Gower: passed the test

Test match spinners and the men who can bat against them are put under

John Woodcock's reflective microscope

THAT the first Test match developed into such a splendid game of cricket was really a fluke. It happened because the pitch received an unplanned soaking on the Sunday before the start on Thursday. It was a case of a human error turning out for the best.

Had Peter Marron, the groundsman at Old Trafford, delivered something to accommodate the English seam bowlers, which was quite possibly his brief, the same match could well have been a tedious affair. The most absorbing Test matches are often played on more natural pitches, on which the bowlers find a little more to humour them than usual and the less good batsmen are more likely to be found out.

More by accident than design the Old Trafford pitch brought forth the spinners, and soon the match had the country by the ears. By what they saw on television, budding cricketers may have been encouraged to discover whether they, too, can spin the ball. To many, Shane Warne's bowling will have come as a revelation.

This century, only Arthur Mailey, Bill O'Reilly, Clarrie Grimmett and Richie Benaud have come from Australia and bowled right-arm wrist spin as skilfully in a Test match as Warne did at Old Trafford.

In his first two Test matches, at Sydney and Adelaide in January of last year, Warne's figures were 68-9-228-1. But that was against India, and the Australians persevered with him, knowing that West Indian and English batsmen would be more easily duped.

As for Peter Such, he became at Old Trafford just about the first English spinner to allow the ball any time in the air since one-day cricket took a hold and slow bowlers lowered their trajectory in interests of containment. I would have opened with Such in Australia's second innings, remembering how disconcerted their early batsmen were when another off spinner, Dipak Patel, did so for New Zealand against them in the last World Cup.

Most batsmen much prefer playing themselves in against medium pace than flighted spin, especially when the ball is turning.

Already in 1993 there have been more good Test matches than there sometimes are in a whole year. Of the 19 played since last Christmas, only five have been drawn, and seven have had no need of the fifth day.

The pitches have had as much as anything to do with this. England's series in India, though England may not have thought so, was all the better for not being played on shirt fronts, and in Port-of-Spain in April it was a job to keep pace with events when West Indies met Pakistan and the ball moved about off the seam.

In Adelaide at the end of January, a pitch that had a great deal more life than it usually does produced a tremendous tussle between Australia and West Indies.

Batting was arguably too perilous a business, as it was soon afterwards in Perth, anyway against the West Indians, but the two matches were very much a part of the year's rich pattern.

I like to think that the cricket on the first two days at Old Trafford showed the world the variety that is added to the game when it is played on a drying pitch, as it used to be before the days of full covering. It was not often that it happened, but when it did it led to some memorable cricket and gave provided batsmen with the chance to complete their education.

Being a prodigious spinner of the ball, Warne will turn it again at Lord's whatever the pitch. He looks now to be the biggest threat to England, which makes the selectors' decision not to bring in a left-hander all the more perverse. This could have been done by putting Smith up to open with Gooch — Smith got his last Test hundred, against Sri Lanka in March, going in first — and bringing in David Gower, the Englishman the Australians least want to see walking in to bat, except for Gooch. There was a time when England's batsmen came up against wrist spinners often enough to acquire the vocabulary to work each new one out quite quickly. Of the present lot, Gooch is already fairly fluent when it comes to reading Warne, and Gatting and Hick can get by; Smith still needs a crib, but he has immense determination; Stewart has the flair to pull through; Atherton, despite a good basic technique, could do with a week at a crammer. It is a scholarship exam of the sort that Gower has taken in the past — and passed.

England against Australia at Lord's always has the promise of a command performance. This time the suspense that Warne is creating and the fun of watching him and England's increasingly desperate plight add to the anticipation. All this and fine weather too? How wonderful that would be.

Indoor pitch may pose England problems

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND have begun preparations for their first taste of international football indoors in the Pontiac Silverdome, near Detroit, on Saturday, but already it appears there may be problems with the freshly-laid grass pitch on which they will meet Germany in the last match of the US Cup.

Graham Taylor, the England manager, saw the surface yesterday and discovered that getting a full-size pitch on to it is going to be difficult. The coaching staff and substitutes will have to sit in what looks like a "sin-bin" in the stands and the four-foot-high walls surrounding the pitch are being heavily padded in case players collide with them.

"We will have to see what it's like when the pitch is marked out," Taylor said yesterday. "It could be close, but one of the reasons for this tournament is that, while it cannot be a completely dry-run for the World Cup finals, it will show up any problems."

The grass has been laid in 1,800 six-feet diameter hexagonal "pods" whose outlines can be clearly seen, although there are official reassurances that there are no dangers to players.

"We will train on it on Friday and I will be interested when we get a ball on it," Taylor said. "It's all right walking on it, but I want to see if the ball is going to run smoothly, if it is going to bobble."

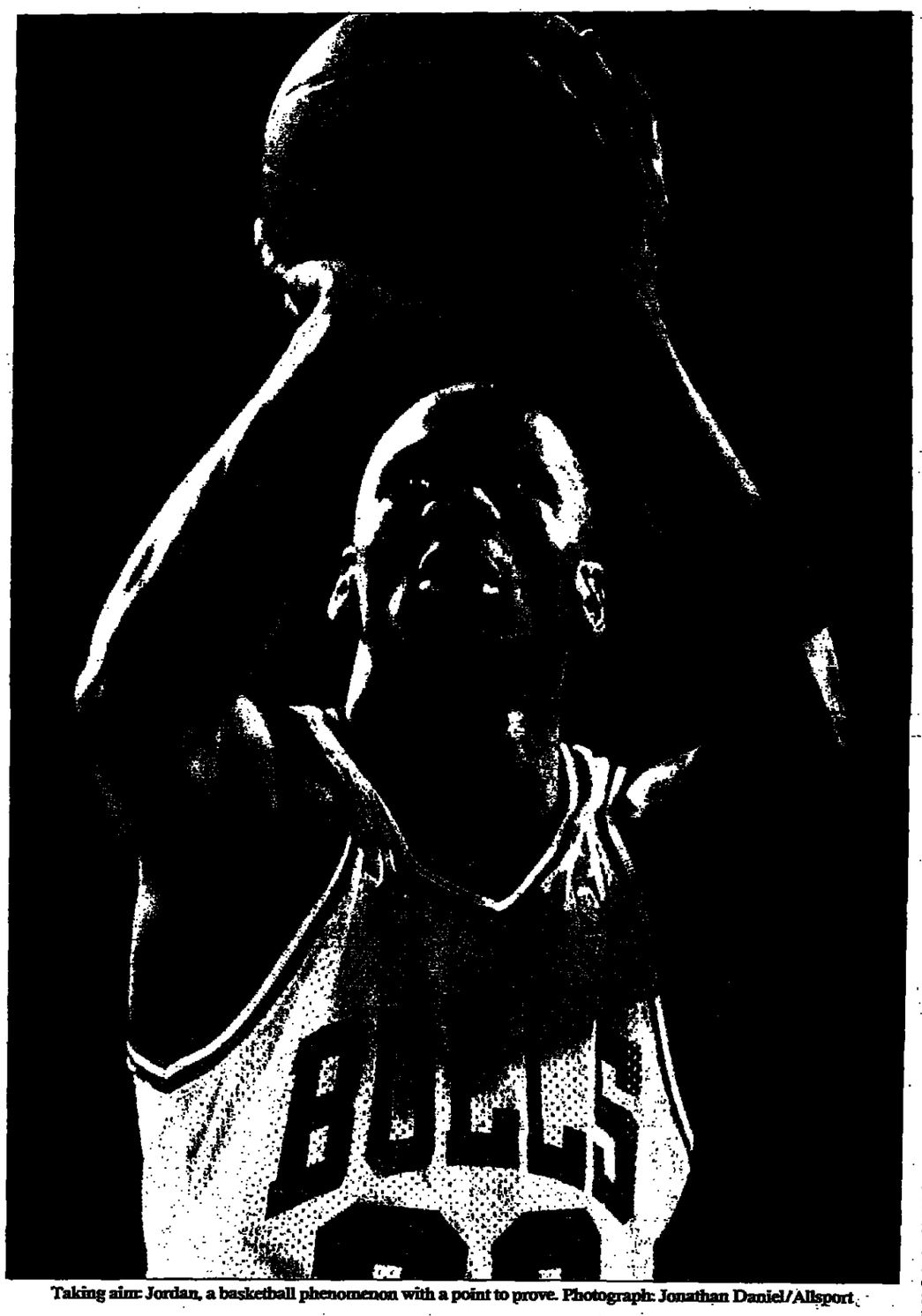
Welsh clubs playing in English leagues — including Cardiff City, Swansea City and Wrexham in the Football League — have been given two years by Uefa, the sport's European governing body, to switch allegiance to the fledgling Konica League of Wales if they wish to remain eligible to enter the European Cup-Winners' Cup. The Uefa executive committee announced yesterday the ruling would take effect in the 1995-6 season, not the coming season as had been originally suggested.

Phil Stant was yesterday £500 richer after the Football League backed him in a dispute with Cardiff over bonus payments. However, Stant has also been transfer-listed by Cardiff. Two other players who appealed with Stant, Nathan Blake and Nicky Richardson, had their claims rejected.

Mansfield Town was bought yesterday by the Sheffield businessman, Keith Haslam, who has paid an undisclosed sum to the previous owners, Abacus Holdings.

Trial of strength for a flawed superman

Simon Barnes on the life and troubled times of Michael Jordan, a sporting hero facing the biggest test of his life



Taking aim: Jordan, a basketball phenomenon with a point to prove. Photograph: Jonathan Daniel/Allsport

We Brits, not being basketball people, cannot really understand the fuss that is made of Michael Jordan. But in the United States, he is the greatest basketball player ever, the greatest athlete ever, a fine upright person and a charming, mild-mannered, wonderful man as well. Superman, in short.

"Who said man was not meant to fly?" asks his biographer, Mitchell Krugell. "You really can fly?" Jordan was asked on a television programme. "Well, maybe a little bit."

Like Pele, Jordan is a nonpareil. Grace on the court is coupled with graciousness in public: a lengthy man with deep voice and a slow smile. He has led Chicago Bulls to successive National Basketball Association championships.

He led them to victory in the first two matches of the best-of-seven championship series against Phoenix Suns, too, but then faltered and was overshadowed by his personal friend and sporting rival, Charles Barkley, in the third, which Phoenix won. And now, suddenly, his superhuman status is being reconsidered for the first time in years.

The Bulls took on the Suns in Game Four in a game scheduled to end at five o'clock this morning, and going into it, Jordan suffered an unlikely barrage of criticism. And that was after scoring 44 points of the Bulls' 121, more than any other player in the game.

But the point was, he missed a lot, too. The number-crunching stats machine tells us that he tried 43 shots, and landed just 19 of them.

Jordan has also been troubled by cracks in the image. A book published this month — *Michael and Me: Our Gambling Addiction: A Cry for Help*, by Richard Equinas, has made most of the trouble. The book alleges that Jordan ran up gambling debts of $1.2 million, mostly in high-stakes golf games. What is more, Equinas claims he welshed on some of it.

Jordan admits he lost more than he wanted to, but says he has paid up. He also says Equinas exaggerated the sums. However, the NBA has taken the matter up. "I wouldn't categorize it as a formal investigation, but we're looking into it," a spokesman said. All the same, it is rather as if the Ovaltine Girl was had up for shameless soliciting.

Barkley, the opposing superstar, talks about athletes who "seem to tell the public they've never done anything wrong, that they're without fault. Are they lying? Not exactly, but some of what we see from a lot of professional athletes these days is lying without lying."

Jordan admits: "Signs are starting to show that people are tired of hearing about Michael Jordan's positive image and Michael Jordan's positive influence. Five, six, seven years at the pinnacle of success, and it's got to start turning around. I've always tried to project everything positive. In retrospect, maybe I was wrong. Maybe I should have shown some negativity, so people had some sense of me as a human being."

Instead, the people have been trained — brought up — to have a sense of Jordan as a superhuman being, one quite literally capable of flight. It has earned him the nickname of "Air" Jordan: a title that came not from the great public, but from a shoe company, which tells you something.

And Jordan drove to practice on Tuesday in a Ferrari Testarossa with the registration number M Air J, with golf clubs on the front seat: the sort of car you expect from a man said to earn $30 million a year. "Hell, I could afford one of them," Barkley said. "Just a couple golf games."

Barkley is all attack on these occasions, while Jordan is still, beautifully self-contained. A diamond sparkles on the left ear: "Success is good and bad at the same time," he said. "It builds bad habits."

In basketball, more than any other team game, one individual can dominate. Barkley does it with the Suns, Jordan with the Bulls. It was Jordan's presence that turned Chicago around. The basketball team was one of the weakest in the NBA and is now the strongest. They are still overwhelmingly favoured for their third successive championship — the three-peat, as we must call it.

There is another nickname for the Chicago team: Team Jordan. It is an ambiguous compliment. "Sometimes other guys tend to sit back and wait and see if I can carry it," Jordan said. "The balance is very fragile, and I don't think you will ever reconcile it as long as I'm with the team."

One of the theories of the Jordanian slump in Game Three was that he was trying too hard. "Trying too hard to carry the team on his shoulders," Tex Winter, the Bulls offensive coordinator, said. He blames Jordan's shot selection: "Some of the shots he's taken are tough shots." All the same, a success rate below 50 per cent has caused the stats-obsessed observers to ask questions.

I remember speaking to Trevor Brooking towards the end of his footballing life. "You have a bad game when you're young and people say you've had a bad game. I have a bad game now, and they say, that's it. His legs have gone."

Jordan is 30, and retirement questions are starting to become routine. In recent weeks, his public have seen that he is as venal as the rest of us, and as mortal. That these things come as a surprise is testament to the power of commerce, to the public's readiness to believe such nonsense, and to Jordan's own utterly extraordinary and compelling abilities.

It would, however, be a touch premature to bury him. In the conference finals against the New York Knicks (the semi-finals, as it were) Jordan came back from a bad game to score a crushing 54 points. All top athletes, no matter how graceful, relish a struggle, relish adversity, relish a chance to stick a finger or two up at their critics. Some have predicted that the temporary setback would produce an inspired Jordan in Game Four.

All things must pass, and a sporting lifetime is shorter than most. Jordan has been the most ludicrously overvalued athlete in history. But that doesn't mean he has not also been the best, or one of the best. He has two games in Chicago to demonstrate that he still is. The world is desperate to believe.

American runners overcome fall in interest

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN EUGENE, OREGON

TO ANY European here this week for the United States world athletics championship trials, the resonant talk of a sport in decline is beside the point. Come Stuttgart in August, the United States will dominate the medals as forcibly as at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year. If there is concern at falling interest, it is not evident on the track.

A survey quoted by ISL, the International Amateur Athletic Federation's marketing agency, shows athletics ranks only 24th among sports in American television coverage. The television companies' reluctance is said to be worsening. "The meets are too long and track is not popular in this country," Tom Jordan, the trials co-director, said. Another survey shows falling participation, a 40 per cent drop over 22 years in numbers of high school and college competitors.

This, though, is a running town and crowds will be good, especially as sudden-death qualification makes the American trials the most competitive meeting outside international championships. In some events, it can be harder to qualify than to win a medal in a championship.

The men's 400 metres is the best example. Here it includes Butch Reynolds, Quincy Watts, Steve Lewis and Michael Johnson, four men who have broken 44 seconds. Then there is Antonio Pettigrew, the world champion.

Johnson, who for two years was world No 1 at 200 metres, tries the longer distance after failing to qualify for the Olympic final and losing in Rome last week. Reynolds arrived on Tuesday with not a television news crew in sight. The world is growing used to him competing again after his controversial drugs suspension.

This is where Carl Lewis first qualified for an Olympic Games, in 1980, but the American boycott of Moscow meant he did not go. Thirteen years on, it hardly notices on his record: eight Olympic golds, eight world titles.

His greatest blemish was failing to qualify for the 100 metres in Barcelona last year. Determined to be on the start line with Linford Christie in Stuttgart, he has dropped the long jump and concentrated on sprint training. He has also ruled out any money-spinning sprint series with Christie before Stuttgart.

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England at home at Lord's

BY SIMON WILDE

NOT many people would give England much chance of avoiding defeat if the second Test match, which starts today, avoids the rains. The only thing worse than England's recent record against Australia is their form against the old enemy at Lord's, where they have won only one Ashes Test this century.

However, on the basis of recent Test form against all countries, England do not look such a bad prospect. Since Australia's last tour here, they have been beaten at Lord's only once in five Tests, by just two wickets against Pakistan last year.

Several of the England batsmen have excellent Test records at the game's headquarters. Gooch, the captain, has made almost 2,000 runs and six centuries there, including, of course, his famous double of 333 and 123 against India in 1990. Stewart has played six innings and has yet to make less than 42. Smith has hit two unbeaten hundreds and scored 96 when Australia last played at Lord's, in 1989.

Surprisingly, the worst record belongs to Gatting, who has made only four half-centuries in 20 Test innings on his home ground.

The track record of the England bowlers is more sketchy but Foster's recent form at Lord's is not as poor as is widely supposed. In his last two Test matches there — against Sri Lanka in 1988 and Australia the following year — he proved both penetrative and economical (a total of 117 overs for 11 wickets and 317 runs).

Foster also bowled without luck in the second of these games, when the Australian tailenders helped Steve Waugh (152 not out) take the score from 265 for six to 528 all out. England gave their best batting performance of the series in making 286 and 359 but nevertheless lost by six wickets.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign for England is that Tufnell's only previous Lord's Test appearance produced a match-winning return of five for 94, against Sri Lanka two years ago. When England last beat Australia at Lord's, in 1934, it was another slow left-armer who did the damage, Verity taking 15 wickets. Interestingly, Australia's leg-spinners, Grimmett and O'Reilly, took only two wickets in more than 90 overs, one of their main stumbling blocks being a century by the left-handed Leyland.

RESULTS: Played 29, England won the, Australia 11, drawn 13.
RECORDS (England first): Highest totals: 494 (1938), 729-8 dec (1930). Lowest totals: 53 (1888), 53 (1896). Highest innings: 240 W R Hammond (1938), 254 D G Bradman (1930). Best bowling: 8-43 H Verity (1934), 8-53 R A L Massie (1972).

Caltropo celebrate

BY JOHN WATSON

F.M. CLAESSENS'S Caltropo overcame rain-soaked pitches and the challenge of Circle H, put together by Robert Graham and Robert Hissom, as the Guards Club's premier medium-goal polo tournament for the Royal Windsor Cup reached the quarter-final phase at Smith's Lawn yesterday.

With Frederico Bachmann and Philip Elliott making a formidable duo at Caltropo's centre, William Hine serving them well up front and with Harry Pearl, standing in for the injured Claessens, stemming many Circle H attacks, Caltropo emerged with a 7-5 victory.

In the conditions, the pitch cut up quickly and drastically, forcing the ball onto a sluggish and often crooked course. A 60-yard conversion by Bachmann and a long goal from the open by Elliott in the first chukka put Caltropo into a lead that they retained until the last 30 seconds of the fourth, when Circle H's No 2, Mariano Zimmermann, from Argentina, found the Caltropo flags to equalise at 5-5.

With the scores level entering the final chukka, Elliott, riding the particularly swift eight-year-old bay mare, Malta, which was bred by the Queen, galloped the length of the ground unmarked to score again.

He subsequently got another from a melee at the other end of the ground.

For the semi-finals, Caltropo will meet the winners of the match between Aston Martin and Maple Leafs, which was due to be played off later in the evening.

CALTROPO: 1, W Hine (3); 2, P Elliot (6); 3, F Bachmann (6); back, H Pearl (1).

CIRCLE H: 1, W. Healy (3); 2, M Zimmermann (6); 3, R Graham (4); back, R Hissom (2).

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7.00 Breakfast News (70245833)
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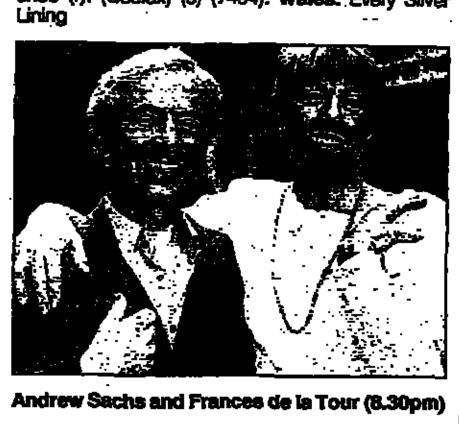
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8675253) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7818765)
10.30 Gardeners' World *Live from Birmingham's NEC* (s) (2793659) **10.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4287833)
10.55 Cricket. The opening session of the first day's play in the second Test at Lord's (27136727) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72094291)
1.00 News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (97494) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (83012104)
1.50 Cricket and **Royal Ascot.** Further coverage from Lord's; and the 2.30, 3.05, 3.45 and, on BBC2, the 4.20 races from Ascot (46650098)
4.00 Cartoon (9888479) **4.10 Bananaman** (r) (1741036) **4.15 Watt on Earth.** Episode ten (r) (s) (2817036) **4.30 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2666949)
4.55 Newsround (8810938) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (8692253)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (927982). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (982)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (582). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (8746)
7.30 **EastEnders.** (Ceefax) (s) (746)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Roy Clarke's comedy series starring Patricia Routledge as an indomitable snob (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7494). **Wales:** Every Silver Lining



Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour (8.30pm)

8.30 Every Silver Lining. Frances de la Tour and Andrew Sachs star in Simon Block's sitcom about a Jewish couple running a café in London's East End. (Ceefax) (s) (6901). **Wales:** Time of My Life
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8727)
9.30 Sylvania Waters. Continuing the *fly-on-the-wall* series observing the everyday life of an eccentric household living in an affluent Sydney suburb. (Ceefax) (s) (91659)
10.00 The Full Wax. The ebullient Ruby Wax introduces highlights from last year's series. (Ceefax) (s) (63388). **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight
10.30 Question Time. The last in the series presented by *Peter Sissons. He is joined by Lord Tebbit, John* Prescott, MP, and Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI (61340). **Northern Ireland:** The Full Wax 11.00 Question Time
11.30 Golf. Highlights of the first round of the US Open from Baltusrol, New Jersey (883235)
12.10am Royal Ascot. Highlights of the racing on Ladies' Day (3558654). **Northern Ireland:** 12.00 Golf
12.30 Cricket. Action from the first day of the second Test at Lord's (3199760). **Northern Ireland:** 12.40 Royal Ascot 1.00-1.40 Cricket
1.10 Weather (7541586). Ends at **1.15**
2.15-3.30 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (40695) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (76741)

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6.45 Open University: Physics — Magnetism (9258765) **7.10** Money Grows on Trees? (1491235) **7.35** *A Solution of Salt (1805611)* **8.00 Breakfast News** (4384475) **8.15 Westminster** (6654272)
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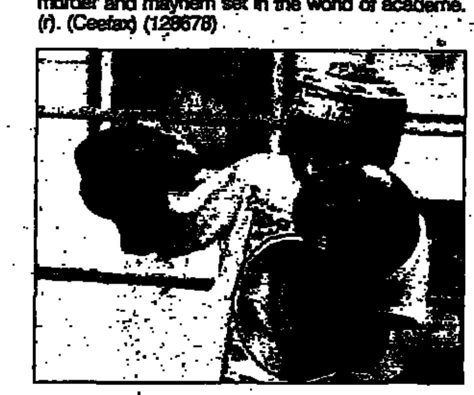
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (88333104)
2.15 Cricket. Further coverage of the first day's play in *the second Test at Lord's (s) (4202630)*
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2925543) followed by **Westminster Live** (8815524) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8026543)
4.00 Royal Ascot, Cricket and **Tennis.** The Norfolk Stakes (4.20) from Royal Ascot; further coverage from Lord's; and action from the Volkswagen Cup at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne (963746)
6.30 Cardiff Singer of the World. Five more singers compete for a place in Saturday's final (s) (197291)
7.20 Business Matters: The House That Jack Built. David Lomax looks at the controversial management style of Jack Welch who has been head of the General Electric company for 13 years, making it more profitable year by year, but at a cost of 100,000 jobs. (Ceefax) (s) (342949)
8.00 Freya Stark: Desert Voyage — Through Syria with Dame Freya Stark. The second of two documentaries, shown in tribute to the late explorer. In this *The World About Us* programme shown in 1977 the redoubtable traveller returns to Jerbalus on the Turkish-Syria border for a second attempt at going down the Euphrates by raft (7746)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents... Oxford. A steamy mix of sex and scholarship, intrigue and espionage, murder and mayhem set in the world of academe. (r). (Ceefax) (128678)



Mixed sport: boxing in north Belfast (9.40pm)

9.40 Under the Sun: Fighting for the Holy Family. (Ceefax) See Choice (915307)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (643098)
11.15 The Late Show. Michael Ignatieff chairing a discussion on Italy's political crisis (s) (703104)
11.55 Weather (419543)
12.00 Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open *University programmes* (9671234)
12.05am Child's Play. Can psychologists learn about human development from children? (r) (1047012). Ends at **12.35**

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True Stories: Missing in Action
Channel 4, 9.35pm

Deborah Bardsley goes in search of her father, John, a pilot who was shot down over Vietnam in 1966. He is one of more than 1,172 American soldiers still unaccounted after the end of the war. With no firm evidence to the contrary, relatives cling to the possibility that the men may still be alive. Bardsley's hopes are raised by a photograph, purporting to be her father, which was smuggled out of Cambodia. The US government says the picture is a hoax but Bardsley is determined to find out for herself. It is the start of journey which takes her to Moscow, Pnomh Penh and finally to Vietnam. The cameras go with her. Bardsley is tough and tenacious and she needs to be, as she faces frustration, disappointment and duplicity.

Under the Sun: Fighting for the Holy Family
BBC2 9.40pm

The anthropology series takes a break from strange marriage customs in obscure corners of the world and comes closer to home. Joanna Head's film is set in north Belfast, scene of one-fifth of all the deaths since the Northern Ireland troubles began in 1969. Young Catholics and young Protestants grow up with only a street between them but the cultural divide is so strong that paths hardly cross. Except, that is, in the Holy Family amateur boxing club. Boxing is a genuinely mixed sport which transcends religion. The club takes lads off the street and enables them to forget the shootings and the bombings. It is an admirable attempt at reconciliation but you wonder whether it represents more than a temporary respite.

Policemen's lot: Hill and Harrison (ITV, 9.00pm)

Telltale
ITV, 9.00pm

Supergrass Billy (Robert Pugh) is taken from jail to a police cell, demanding curtains, a tablecloth and other *"comforts" in return for spilling beans. Meanwhile his* devious wife (Doreen) demands and gets a safe house. Which leaves our two police sergeants. Paul (Nigel Harrison) still sees Billy's revelations as a ladder to promotion. Gavin (Bernard Hill) remains grumpy and cynical. The coppers' marriages come under increasing strain. Ewart Alexander's thriller reaches part two with plenty of potential but a promising theme (loosely based on a real case) remains maddeningly underdeveloped. We are asked to live on scraps when by now we should be getting red meat. Perhaps next week's final episode will make amends.

First Frame: Carrera
Channel 4, 11.55pm

The slot for new British directors is filled by Martin Wallace's short drama, made on a tiny budget while he was still at art college. Like many prentice works it tends to be stronger on form than content, while giving a slight story an allegorical weight it can hardly carry. But amid the enigmatic, Pinterish dialogue and eccentric camera angles there is plenty of cinematic flair. *Carrera* is the study of a broken affair, involving a man called Adam and a woman called Eve. He is a self-obsessed writer, trying to finish a book. She is no longer prepared to wait for him and takes off for Mexico. He can only race round London in a black Volkswagen Beetle and reflect, with the comedian Max Wall, that happiness is transitory. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4166104)
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game (8721098) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7894185)
10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series (r) (s) (38253)
10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine (32034272)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series (r) (5372340)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (1353388) **1.05 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather* (76626320)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (331765) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (330036)
2.15 House Style The first of a new series of 12 programmes on home refurbishment ideas presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald (322017) **2.45 Take the High Road** (2452630)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2943949) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2935920) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Australian drama (7022456)
3.50 The Wisdom of the Gnomes (3787562) **4.15 The Pig Attraction** (s) (926982) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2649272)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8619920)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (577036)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on Ufo sightings in the south-east (74982)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (3814)

Speed check: a police motorcyclist (7.30pm)

7.30 3D. Current affairs magazine presented by Julia Somerville. This week's edition includes a report on the work of the Cheshire police in curbing the number of young people dying in motorcycle accidents (s) (814)
8.00 The Bill: Uses and Abuses. Was the blinding of a young man by a woman who sprayed him with oven cleaner an assault or self-defence? (Teletext) (2562)
8.30 Up the Garden Path Comedy series starring Imelda Staunton. (Teletext) (s) (8369)
9.00 Telltale. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (4036)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (58456) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (401104)
10.40 Big City. A new series of the arts and *entertainments in the south-east magazine* (s) (922017)
11.15 A Kick in the Ballots. The first of two general knowledge quiz shows between teams of MPs from opposite ends of the political spectrum. David Mellor, Jerry Hayes and Teresa Gorman meet Neil Kinnock, Tony Banks and Kate Hoey. The referee is Charles Kennedy, MP (s) (225765)
11.45 Film: The Stone Killer *(1973)* starring Charles Bronson. Violent thriller set in Los Angeles about a policman in a race against time to unravel a plot to use Vietnam veterans to stage an underworld massacre. Directed by Michael Winner (592456)
1.35am Hollywood Report (s) (7440857)
2.00 Donahue. The second part of the interview with Theo Briseno, one of the Los Angeles police officers acquitted in the Rodney King trial (51215)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (61627)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (12692)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (72857)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (42296)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Nelsen (62499)

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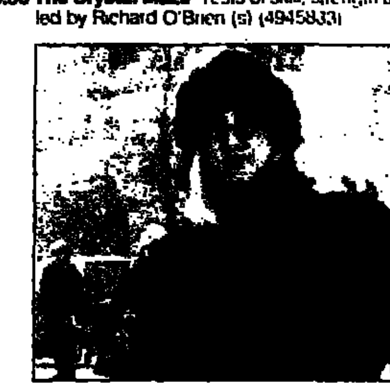
6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) Classic American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (12494)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon about a quarrelsome cat and dog (2419098)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (87017)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (68833)
9.30 Schools (320776)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins reports on yesterday's business in both Houses (55369)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early-learning series The guest is actor Bill Irwin (r) (24388) **1.30 Take 5** A quintet of cartoons (96104)
2.00 Film: Devotion (1943, b/w) starring Ida Lupino Olivia de Havilland and Nancy Coleman. Highly romanticised biopic about the Bronte sisters and their brother Branwell. Directed by Curtis Bernhardt (584765)
3.55 A Robe of White. A *Survival* documentary about the British Antarctic Survey station based on Signy island in the South Orkneys and the wildlife which keeps the scientists company in temperatures that go as low as minus 30 centigrade (r) (Teletext) (3306949)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out game. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (727)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The hostess finds out what happened to some of her guests after they had appeared on her show (Teletext) (s) (1198775)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Animated tales narrated by Nigel Planer (703307)
6.00 Desmond's Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's. Starring Norman Beaton and Carmen Munroe (r) (Teletext) (s) (920)
6.30 A Different World. American campus comedy (r) (272)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather (979017)
7.50 Comment Jad Adams has his doubts that HIV causes Aids (694758)
8.00 Moments of Crisis. In the second of her eight-part series on people whose lives have been traumatically altered by a moment of crisis Mavis Nicholson meets the actress Stephanie Cole. When aged 11 her parents adopted twin boys, one of whom turned out to be schizophrenic. Stephanie was deeply shocked and decided to understand and help her brother, who also appears on the programme (Teletext) (3384)
8.30 The Crystal Maze Tests of skill, strength and brain led by Richard O'Brien (s) (4945833)



Search for father: Deborah Bardsley (9.35pm)

9.35 True Stories: Missing in Action See Choice (2259712)
10.50 One Night Stand: Alan Havey The American comedian gives his thoughts on the meaning of life (528340)
11.25 The Jazz Package (b/w) Jazz artists from the 1930s and 1940s including Duke Ellington and Cab Calloway (851185)
11.55 First Frame: Carrera. See Choice (639165)
12.25am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary on the real story behind the Watergate break-in (9177578). Ends at **1.15**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters (8619920) **6.00** Home and Away (698794) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (299098) *10.40 Go Fishing (985475) 11.10 Wideangle* (862291) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (164291) **12.35am** Wrestling (7266925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod (384321) **3.30** Stage 2 (41963) **4.30** Riviera (11186) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (42296)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45pm-3.10 Magic Wok (2452630) **3.20-3.50** GP (7022456) **6.00** Lookaround (678) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (630) **10.40** Talking Pictures (985475) *11.10* Prisoner: Cell Block H (896253) **12.05am** IndyCar 93 (1074166) **12.35** Wrestling (72667925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod (384321) **3.30** Stage 2 (41963) **4.30** Riviera (76887811) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1887895)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (331765) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (330036) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7022456) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (8619920) **6.00** Home and Away (698794) **6.25-7.00** Central News (743643) **10.40** Central Lobby (985475) **11.10** Married...with Children (862291) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (642659) **12.10am** Hollywood Report (1073437) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (9276673) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1532578) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6739168) **2.40** Raw Power (3757499) **3.40** Quiz Night (57750673) **4.10** Jobfinder (7212470) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5661470)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15pm A Country Practice (331765) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (330036) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (7022456) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (8619920) **6.00** Home and Away (678) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (630) **10.40** Families (775036) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (805036) **12.35** Wrestling (7266925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod (384321) **3.30** Stage 2 (41963) **4.30** Riviera (76887811) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1887895)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45pm-2.15 Blockbusters (330036) **6.00** HTV News (678) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (630) **10.40** The West This Week (669036) *11.25 HTV* Weekend Outlook (765949) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (164291) **12.35am** Wrestling (7266925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod (Max Bygraves, Donald Pleasence) (384321) **3.30** Stage 2 (41963) **4.30** Riviera (11186) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (42296)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Living Proof **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25** Wales and Westminster **11.55-12.35am** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00pm Meridian Tonight (678) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (630) **10.40** The Pier (922017) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (825765) **12.15am-1.35** War of the Worlds (916741) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55pm Tyne Tees Today (938340) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (630) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (669036) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (824036) **12.20am** Film: The Brotherhood of the Bell (857116) **2.05** America's Top Ten (5389627) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9304692)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 Blockbusters (7022456) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six *(74982) 10.40 Counterpoint (985475) 11.10* Go Fishing (862291) **11.40** Miller & Mueller (164291) **12.35am** Wrestling (7266925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod (Max Bygraves, Donald Pleasence) (384321) **3.30** Stage 2 (41963) **4.30** Riviera (76887811) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1887895)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20pm-3.50 A Country Practice (7022456) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (74982) **10.40** Ambulance! (985475) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (896253) **12.10am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3567302) **12.35am** Wrestling (7266925) **1.20** America's Top Ten (4595079) **1.45** Film: Spare the Rod

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55pm Calendar (938340) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (630) **10.40** Edit V (669036) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (824036) **12.20am** Film: The Brotherhood of the Bell (857166) **2.05** America's Top Ten (5389627) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9304692)

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Bet Your Life (68833) **9.30** Ysgolion (320776) **12.00** Parliament Programme (55369) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (97833) **1.00** Sesame Street (92388) **2.00** Film: High Time (584765) **3.55** Yorkshire Dilly (7500659) **4.00** The Christians (5253) **5.00** *Fifteen To One (4920)* **5.30** The Next Big Thing (307) **6.00** Newyddion (420562) **6.10** Heno (302901) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1456) **7.30** Margaret (61833) **8.30** Newyddion (543727) **8.55** Minefon (592543) **9.45** The Long Summer (202614) **10.15** Film: Sexual Advances (352235) **11.55** Street Legal (639185) **12.25** Surgical Spirit (1055031)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (99866889) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4006746) **9.10** Cartoons (2824185) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (42307) **10.00** Card Sharks (7061098) **10.25** Concentration (7702475) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1558388) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (42633) **11.30** Falcon Crest (15307) **12.30pm** E Street (46123) **1.00** Another World (9105036) **1.45** Three's Company (961920) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (847123) **3.15** Different Strokes (959185) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8860456) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6307) **6.00** Games World (4681) **6.30** E Street (4291) **7.00** Rescue (7036) **7.30** Full House (4825) **8.00** Eddie Dodd (84307) **9.00** Chances (64543) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (67630) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (45683) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am *Sunrise (23494)* **8.30** *News and* Business Report (614253) **9.30** Nightline (56271) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (79727) **11.30** International Business Report (13949) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (73543) **1.30** Good Morning America (74272) **2.30** Parliament Live (1896098) **3.15** Parliament Live (6304388) **4.30** News and Business Report (7388) **5.00** Live at Five (83861) **6.30** News and Business Report (16475) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (8017) **10.30** Nightline (27920) **11.30** ABC News (97291) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (24963) **1.30** ABC News (84128) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (19726) **3.30** ABC News (52401) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (13128) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (19321)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8913494)
10.00 Promised a Miracle (1988): A religious couple try to heal their sick son spiritually (17611)
12.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns returns as the Supreme Being (92475)
2.00pm Flight of the Doves (1971): Ron Moody pursues two Liverpool children to Ireland (58982)
4.00 The File of the Golden Goose (1969): An FBI agent and a Scotland Yard detective search out counterfeiters in London (1611)
6.00 Promised a Miracle (as 10am) (78746)
8.00 Career Opportunities (1991): Frank Whaley spends the night with Jennifer Connelly in a department store (73291)
10.00 Homicide (1991): Jewish detective Joe Mantegna must choose between the law and his people (106683)
11.45 The Dark Side of the Moon (1990): Space explorers discover an alien force (639611)
1.20am 'Til Death Us Do Part (1991): Lovers murder the woman's husband to collect the life insurance (565234)
2.55 Bawdy Tales (524673)
4.30 Dead Silence (1991): Three teenagers are involved in a hit-and-run accident (83893). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Frasier, The Lovable Lion (1973). A lion teaches a zoo keeper about sex and romance. With Michael Callan (69036)
8.00 Tootsie (1982): Dustin Hoffman disguises himself as an actress (31253)
10.00 The Last Detail (1973): Two sailors escort a prisoner to the brig. Starring Jack Nicholson (809098). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.10am The Vengeance of She (1967): Olinka Berova believes that she is the immortal queen (61003494)
8.00 The Gnomes Great Adventure Cartoon adventures (31974)
10.00 Our Man in Havana (1959): Alec Guinness is recruited as a spy (15253)
12.00 The Purple People Eater (1988): Neil Patrick Harris conjures up an alien (90017)
2.00pm A Challenge for Robin Hood (1967): Starring Barrie Ingham (56524)
4.00 The Gnomes Great Adventure (as 8am) (9253)
6.00 Shadow of a Doubt (1991): A teenager suspects that uncle Mark Harmon is a serial killer (76388)
8.00 The Perfect Bride (1991): Sammi Davis is prepared to murder to attain a life of conjugal bliss (71833)
10.00 Netherworld (1991): A disturbed young man fights supernatural foes (915123)
11.35 Sonny Boy (1988): A psychotic father raises his adopted son to be a killer (550140)
1.10am Dragonfire (1990) Daniel J. Travanti begins to remember his part in the Vietnam war (9435437)
2.40 The Island (1980): A reporter is taken prisoner in the Caribbean (808147)
4.35 Shadow of a Doubt (as 6pm) (9196963). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (36833) **7.00** The Footballers' Football Show (37272) **8.00** Bullriders (38901) **9.00** Prime Bodies (65388) **9.30** Drag Racing (92901) **10.00** US Open Golf — A Recent History 1992 (66562) **11.00** Ringside (20494) **1.00pm** Manchester Open Tennis (156494) **3.30** US Open Golf (3073456) **8.00** Canadian Grand Prix (30217) **9.00** US Open Golf (929562) **12.00** Manchester Open Tennis (42234) **2.00-3.00am** British Motorsport (59895)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (62746) **8.00** Golf (30369) **9.00** Canadian Grand Prix (51678) **10.00** Basketball (34553) **12.00** Football: America Cup — Columbia v Mexico (32017) **2.00pm** ATP Tennis (6972384) **6.00** Mountain Biking (7307) **6.30** News (8659) **7.00** Football (as noon) (63475) **9.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (17659) **10.00** Basketball (10746) **11.00** Kick Boxing (69659) **12.00-12.30am** News (54418)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (3034036) **7.30** Neighbours (3013543) **8.00** Sons and *Daughters (4162901)* **8.30** *EastEnders* (4161272) **9.00** The Bill (4152524) **9.30** The Onedin Line (9109746) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1288901) **11.30** Happy Ever After (1808271) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4172388) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6005659) **1.00** EastEnders (3033307) **1.30** The Bill (6097630) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4875833) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (7504307) **3.00** Dallas (3703827) **4.00** Dynasty (8553104) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4866185) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7503123) **6.00** Neighbours (7506098) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6122630) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (7585272) **8.00** EastEnders (4562369) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4874104) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (8613253) **10.00** The Bill (4173017) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (1019388) **11.30** Dr Who: Mind of Evil (2430272) **12.00** Film: The Quiller Memorandum (1966) starring George Segal and Alec Guinness (1139944) **1.35** Video Bites (42412741) **1.50** What's in Store

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (53185) **7.00** Ratkan II (19253) **9.00** Jack in the Box (4848) **11.00** *Stories Without Words* (24475) **11.30** *Say Ahhh!* (25104) **12.00** Secret Valley (55434) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (31814) **2.00** Stories Without Words (8502) **2.30** Say Ahh! (88141) **3.00** Babar (3525388) **3.25** Ratkan II (39753123) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (98141) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (2630) **6.00-7.00** Fame (51678)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths — Networks, Matrices and Functions **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, news and weather with Chris de Souza, including Chausson (Soir de fête); Carl Stamitz (Viola Concerto in D, Op 1); Mozart (Adagio in B minor, K540); Delius (Paris, The Song of a Great City)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Grieg. Robert Layton introduces String Quartet in F, 1891 — unfinished (Norwegian Quartet); Old Norwegian Melody with Variations, Op 51 (Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi); Ballade in G minor, Op 24 (Leopold Godowsky, piano)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Rossini (Overture, William Tell: Philharmonia Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan); Schumann (Waldszenen: Sviatoslav Richter, piano); Janáček (Suite, The Cunning Little Vixen: Vienna PO under Charles Mackerras); **10.53** Artist of the Week: Fritz Wunderlich, tenor, sings Tchaikovsky (Lensky's Aria, Eugene Onegin: Bavarian State Opera Orchestra under Otto Gerdes); Shostakovich (Symphony No 15: Cleveland Orchestra under Kurt Sanderling)
12.00 Beethoven: Gyorgy Pauk, violin, Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, and Peter Frankl, piano, perform Cello Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1; Violin Sonata in G, Op 96 (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Handel and Company: The first of five programmes of concertos, sonatas and songs *by Handel and his* contemporaries
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. Coverage of the first afternoon's play of the second Test from Lord's. With commentary by Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Neville Oliver. Expert comment from Fred Trueman and Vic Marks. The scorer is Bill Frindall. During the tea interval at **3.45-4.00** Nick Cook, Graeme Fowler and Mark Nicholas give their views on the progress of the cricket season
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: The fourth in a series of concerts from the festival given last July in *Birmingham and London. Los* Muñequitos de Matanzas from Cuba performs music from two Afro-Cuban religions, Santería and Abakuá
8.40 In a Word: Futurism. Jeremy J. Beadle considers artistic movements of the modern era
9.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Maksymiuk performs Wagner (Overture, Der Fliegende Holländer); Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor: Martin Roscoe); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
10.15 Groovin' High: Alyn Shipton presents the fifth of a six-part *tribute to the American* trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie
10.45 Night Waves: Roy Porter talks to the Australian critic Robert Hughes about *Culture of Complaint*, his latest polemic on his adopted country of America
11.30 Settings of Michelangelo: Wolf, orch Kim Borg (Three Michelangelo Lieder); Shostakovich (Suite on Verses of Michelangelo Buonarroti)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Sue Clements-Jewery **6.30** *Today, incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with the Rev Dr David Stone **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 *Face the Facts*, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks *with a group of philosophers at Oxford* (r)
10.00-10.30am The House (FM only): The first of a new six-part political drama by Christopher Lee. With Julian Glover as Sir Charles Bannister and Isla Blair as Lady Bannister
10.00 News; *An Act of Worship* (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Exodus. David Kossoff reads the sixth of ten parts (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Betty Garrett tells Jenni Murray about the golden age of the Hollywood musical. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 *From Our Correspondent*
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs a light-hearted test of political knowledge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Dark Bells, Green Days, by Florence Percy. Vivien discovers some letters *from her missing* daughter Cathy to her elderly and forgetful mother Edith. Feeling betrayed, Vivien begins the search for Cathy. With Nicola Pagett, Pauline Letts and Lois Burgess
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope *reviews* Peter Hall's production of *Lysistrata* at the Old Vic; listens to N.G. La Banda from Cuba; and visits an exhibition of Romany art and photography
4.45 Short Story: Fun in Florence, by Alison Leonard. Read by Nicola Goodchild
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show: The Wedding. The award-winning sitcom, starring Nick Revell, Alistair McGowan and Doon Mackichan. Nick attends an old flame's nuptials
7.00 News 7.05 *The Archers*
7.20 Radio Lives: Nancy Spain. See Choice
8.00 Analysis: Slouching Towards Bethlehem. Melanie Phillips examines how a common set of moral values might be provided for Britain's younger generation
8.45 **Does He Take** *Sugar?* Presented by Kati Whitaker. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White. **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Witchbroom. Written and read by Lawrence Scott (4/8)
11.00 Two Way Cut: Second of a four-part dramatisation of Peter Turnbull's novel. Who was the strange figure PC Hamilton saw running by the canal? With Frank Gallagher *as DC Montgomery, Crawford* Logan as DI Donoghue and Robert Carlyle as DC King
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.44** As World Service (LW only)

Radio Lives: Nancy Spain. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Natalie Wheen, tracing the lifeline of the broadcaster and writer Nancy Spain finds some good copy in her nonconformist public persona and her champagne lifestyle. It is, however, the glimpses of the private *Nancy Spain* that set her apart from her celebrated contemporaries: her lesbianism, and her love for the son who did not know he *was* her son. Wheen's epitaph to Nancy Spain is: "She was the girl who told the world everything except...". Those dots are filled in tonight by Wheen and others, including the producers of her radio programmes, particularly *Woman's Hour*.

Classic Reports. *Classic FM, 6.00pm.*
This five-times-weekly *mélange* of news, views and music has been one of the brightest feathers in Classic FM's cap since it came on air. Margaret Howard edits and presents it. And therein lies the secret of its success. Her selection of items is a reflection of the many years she presented *Pick of the Week* on Radio 4. *Classic Reports* also allows her to exercise her other skill — that of attentive, respectful and well-prepared interviewer. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Gary Davies **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton with the best in country music **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together — An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3, **9.45** The Song Tree; **10.00** In the News **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. First morning's play of the second Test from Lord's **1.00pm** News and Sport **1.10** Summer Sport: Eleanor Oldroyd introduces cricket from Lord's and racing from Royal Ascot. **2.30** King George V Handicap; **3.05** Cork and Orrery Stakes; **3.45** Gold Cup; **4.20** Norfolk Stakes; **4.55** Ribblesdale Stakes **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Finders Keepers **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Outlaws (2/3) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sport **8.00** News **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Corbeaux Carnival **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Lucky Jim **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** *Music Review* **1.00** News **1.30** Classic Recordings **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Corbeaux Carnival **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

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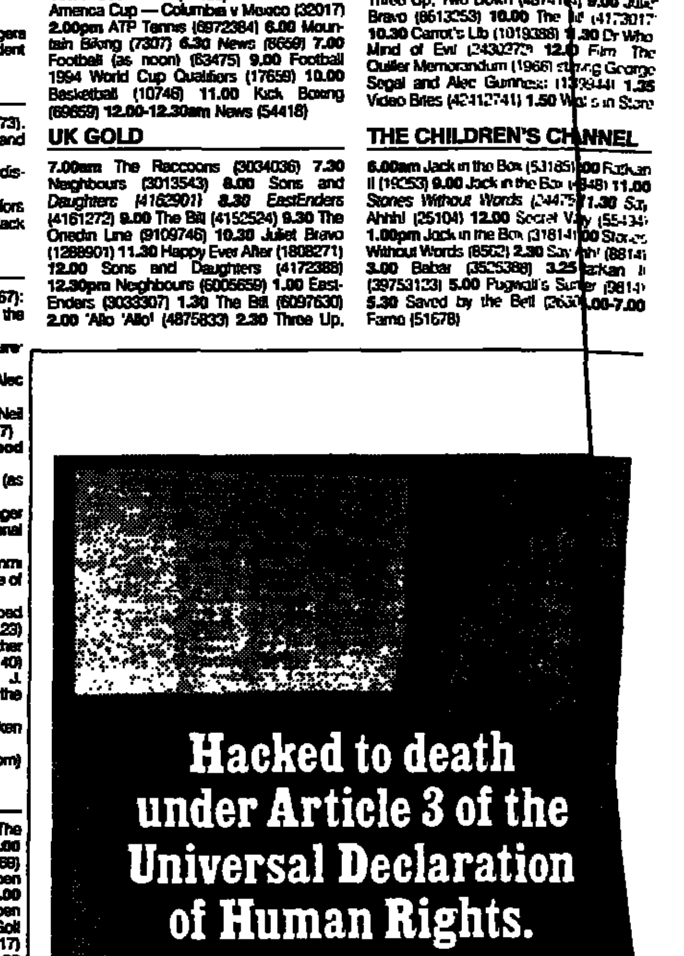

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Success keeps Mansell on track to stay in America

Making plans: Nigel Mansell, the world motor racing champion, said in London yesterday he was unlikely to return to Formula One next year. Mansell, 39, pictured above receiving the Segrave Trophy in recognition of his triumph last year, said he was in the final stages of completing a long-term contract to remain in IndyCar racing with the Newman-Haas team. Mansell said: "The length of the contract is one of the things we are still looking at and things are going so well in America that I expect to carry on racing there for a few more years. But I must stress I have not signed anything yet." He paid tribute to the former champion, James Hunt, who died on Tuesday after a heart attack. "The thing that staggers me most was that he was only 45, but it has not made me think of giving up racing," Mansell said. "I still think I've got at least two to three more years of racing at the top level in me and I think that I am most likely to stay in America. My popularity there is growing all the time, the magnet is very strong and it's a big thing." Mansell said he felt the attraction of Formula One for a driver had been diminished by the controversy over its use of technology, such as computerised suspension and traction control. "I think they need to get together in a closed room and sort it all out. They need a settled set of regulations and then everything will start working again."
Photographs: Marc Aspland

FA looks at £2m Spurs transfer claim

By John Goodbody

THE Football Association yesterday launched an investigation into allegations of unauthorised cash payments in the transfer of Teddy Sheringham, the £2.1 million forward, from Nottingham Forest to Tottenham Hotspur when Terry Venables was still chief executive of the Premier League club.

An FA spokesman said: "We will be in contact with the people concerned and if we find there has been a clear breach of the rules, we would form a commission and, if necessary, impose a penalty."

During the recent High Court hearing that confirmed the dismissal of Venables as chief executive at Tottenham, Philip Heslop QC, the counsel for Alan Sugar, the chairman of the White Hart Lane club, said that Venables had failed to give a "full and frank" explanation of how £58,750 in cash was withdrawn from Tottenham's bank account during negotiations to buy Sheringham from Forest.

Heslop said the money went to a company, First Wave Management, run by Frank McLintock, the former Arsenal and Scotland player, and the invoice showed it was payment for "distribution, network, travel and merchandising" for the club in the United States.

Mr Heslop said: "Plainly, on that evidence, money has been paid to Mr McLintock pursuant to an invoice which does not reflect the services which, according to Mr Venables and Mr McLintock, the firm has rendered. This is a serious matter."

It was earlier and separately alleged in court by Sugar that when the transfer was being discussed, Venables told him that Brian Clough, the Forest manager, "likes a bung".

Sugar added that Venables had said: "The usual way was for Clough to meet people at a motorway cafe and be ... handed a bag of money."

In his affidavit, Venables said such a conversation had never taken place and Clough also denied that any money "had passed between Terry Venables and me".

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Elderly image returns with sponsor

By David Rhys Jones

IT IS said that the beauty of bowls is that it can be played by men and women of all ages. Yesterday the game welcomed a sponsorship which it claimed "will clearly look after bowlers from cradle to grave."

For a sport concerned with losing its elderly image, bowls has been making progress. England's national singles champion, Steven Farish, is a mere 22 and the average age of the England team a spritely 33. The announcement that the English Bowls Association national singles championships in Worthing in August are to be financially fortified by Sanatogen cod liver oil is a reminder that the game has still some way to go.

If further evidence of that were needed, the sport can point to Bill Parker, who plays regularly for the Cranford club, near Bristol. He will be 100 on Sunday. Playing bowls, he says, has kept him young. "It's a game of great skill, but it also offers companionship, because, unlike other games, you have time to chat to your team mates and opponents," Parker said. "To be honest, I thought it was an old man's game when I joined Cranford in 1938, but it's anything but that today."

Parker played hockey on roller skates for Bristol and was a keen tennis player before taking up bowls. He won the Gloucestershire triples title in 1956 — "but I'm not so hot these days" — and has helped his team win the Friday afternoon triples league at Cranford for the last three summers. "If we could win it again this year, I would cheerfully retire," the club's oldest player said.

After family celebrations on Sunday, Parker will be the guest of honour at Cranford on Tuesday, when he plays in his usual position as lead for his club against a Gloucestershire county team.

Yesterday's announcement was an unsubtly timed reminder. As a spokesman for the English Bowls Players Association said: "the beauty of bowls is that it can be played by all ages, so we are delighted that the EBA has found a sponsor who will clearly look after bowlers from cradle to grave."

Gooch demands England revival

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

GRAHAM Gooch will discover ove the next five days whether there is any point in him continuing as England captai. Another defeat, in the secon Cornhill Test at Lord's, migh be tolerated. Another displ of defeatism will not.

Gch was dismayed by even at Old Trafford a fortight ago. Yesterday, his impression was even clearer. "If things don't improve, it wou not be right and proper fore to carry on," he said. "If I c't have the desired effect ome players, someone else shld try."

is may not be a conventional reaction from one who ord, a week ago, that his job safe for the rest of the mer, but it comes as no prise to the England comtee. Gooch is understood to ve told them he was accept- the reappointment on the oviso that he would stand wn before the end of the ries if the present sequence six consecutive Test defeats, ontinued. He was thinking ot just of results but of pproach.

Gooch believes that if players do not respond consistently to his methods or share his passion, then it is time to go. His theme yesterday bore this out. "I am only interested in England doing well," he said. "Hanging on to the captaincy for its own sake has no appeal for me."

The Lord's square was covered all day and pools formed on the outfield under heavy afternoon rain. Today's forecast is better, which is good news for those who have bought up every available ticket and boosted receipts above £2 million, but not necessarily encouraging for England, who have beaten Australia at Lord's only once this century.

The last meeting, four years ago, resulted in a six-wicket defeat and a press conference walk-out by the captain, David Gower, on being accused of using his main bowler at the wrong end. That bowler was Neil Foster, who is back in the England side today for the first time since that series, his inclusion indicative of the aggressive commitment Gooch is seeking. "Our players must be mentally tougher," Gooch said. "They cannot afford another lacklustre effort. They know the pressure they are under and all of them are old enough and wise enough to realise that if they do not succeed here, their places are in jeopardy. It doesn't need me to spell that out."

England's two days of preparation have been more about words than action. Yesterday's weather prevented practice but allowed Gooch and Keith Fletcher, the manager, to add their versions of the dressing-room team talk by Ted Dexter on Tuesday.

Dexter became chairman of the England committee for his skills in communication as much as anything else, so this is an area he perhaps ought to enter more often. His theme, confidence, is the department in which England are suffering most. Australia believe they have the measure of Gooch's side; thus far, Gooch's side have seemed to believe it.

There are also technical problems. Of the top six batsmen, only Gooch is playing as he can, and two players, Robin Smith and Graeme Hick, are being exposed by particular Australian bowlers. Hick's problems are with the short-pitched hostility of Merv Hughes. Smith has so far shown no sign of coping with the leg-spin of Shane Warne any better than he coped with Anil Kumble, of India, during the winter.

Gooch shrugged off such individual concerns. "If you go into a game worrying about one bowler, you are one-nil down before you start. I take the attitude that I must be confident against all of them, and let them worry about bowling to me."

The pitch will resolve the final selection of each side. Gooch believes it will start slow, which seems inevitable after the recent unsettled weather, and he must decide between Mark Ilott's left-arm seam and swing and Phil Tufnell's left-arm spin. The Australians intend to play Tim May, the off-spinner, ahead of Brendon Julian, though this may also be revised when the covers come off this morning.

For Allan Border, the Australian captain, it will be an emotional occasion, his last Test match on what he has always stated to be his favourite ground. Unlike Gooch, Border is in charge of a side with boundless self-belief, though this may not apply to Craig McDermott. The Australians' strike bowler has gone through two matches without a wicket and will be hoping that the ground on which he properly launched his Test career with eight wickets in 1985 will be kind to him again.

Both captains have welcomed the introduction of the third umpire system, which will be used today for the first time in a Test match in England. Gooch calls it a "tremendous idea which takes all the doubt and controversy from close decisions".

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Lord's form, page 42

England — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
G A Gooch	6	10	1	693	133	73.44	2	5	5
A J Stewart	5	9	1	493	177	61.62	2	2	12/1
G A Hick	6	9	1	432	187	54.00	2	1	5
M A Atherton	8	13	1	552	137	46.00	2	1	11
M W Gatting	5	6	0	229	70	38.16	-	2	8
N A Foster	6	9	3	191	37	31.83	-	-	1
C C Lewis	4	8	1	212	51	30.28	-	1	5
R A Smith	5	8	2	166	101	27.66	1	-	-
A R Caddick	6	10	3	148	35*	20.85	-	-	5
M C Ilott	5	5	1	83	32	13.25	-	-	2
P M Such	7	8	1	91	25	11.57	-	-	5
P C R Tufnell	7	8	2	45	18*	7.50	-	-	2

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
A R Caddick	231.1	46	680	35	19.42	3-32	3	3
P M Such	274.5	69	721	30	24.03	5-87	3	1
P C R Tufnell	251.4	68	599	24	24.95	5-47	2	-
M C Ilott	181.2	35	585	23	25.43	7-85	1	-
C C Lewis	155.5	41	363	8	45.37	4-51	-	-
N A Foster	202.3	53	586	12	48.83	5-58	1	-
G A Hick	34	7	110	2	55.00	2-15	-	-

ALSO BOWLED: M A Atherton 5-0-8-1, M W Gatting 4-0-10-0; G A Gooch 4-1-25-0.

Australia — batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
S R Waugh	6	8	4	368	124	92.25	1	1	2
D C Boon	5	7	0	548	129	78.28	3	2	3
D R Martyn	5	6	0	415	156	69.16	2	2	5
M J Slater	6	10	2	553	122	69.00	1	6	2
M E Waugh	6	8	0	412	178	51.50	1	3	2
I A Healy	6	7	4	150	102*	50.00	1	-	16/1
A R Border	6	7	1	271	66	45.16	-	2	7
M G Hughes	5	4	2	89	46*	44.50	-	-	1
M A Taylor	5	9	1	329	124	41.12	1	1	9
S K Warne	6	6	2	58	17	14.50	-	-	2
C J McDermott	5	3	0	42	23	14.00	-	-	3
B P Julian	6	7	2	62	27	12.40	-	-	2
T B A May	5	2	1	8	4*	8.00	-	-	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
S K Warne	228	66	565	32	17.65	5-61	1	-
T B A May	138	38	353	18	19.61	4-75	-	-
B P Julian	138	27	441	19	23.21	5-93	1	-
M G Hughes	132.1	28	390	15	26.00	4-27	-	-
C J McDermott	143	25	449	8	74.83	2-36	-	-

ALSO BOWLED: S R Waugh 7.1-0-40-1; M E Waugh 36.1-4-128-1; A R Border 1-0-4-0; D R Martyn 2-1-7-0.

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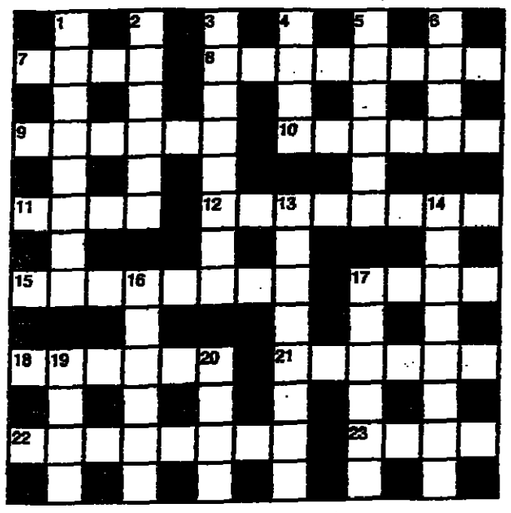

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9 Picturesque (6)
10 Sparse (6)
11 Heehaw (4)
12 Bitterness of manner (8)
15 Fluently spoken (8)
17 Deep breath (4)
18 Cord (6)
21 Distance (6)
22 Strong hero (8)
23 Show the way (4)

DOWN
1 Intestinal (8)
2 Eagerly (6)
3 Ruin (8)
4 Nervous agitation (4)
5 Balloon gas (6)
6 Halt (4)
13 Without mercy (8)
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16 Acid preserve fruit (6)
17 Solitary (6)
19 Pour in torrents (4)
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By Raymond Keene

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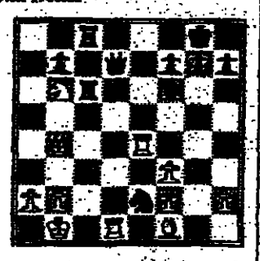

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***Predictamore* for the World Championship can be followed on Channel 4 Teletext, page 478. Tune in now for some advance practice.**

Championship Chess, page 9

By Philip Howard

SHAKESPEAREANS
GREGORY
a. A kindly priest
b. A quarrelsome servant
c. A foolish suitor

SOUNDPOST
a. An innkeeper
b. A professional singer
c. A drunken porter

CAMILLO
a. A violent tribune
b. A kind servant
c. A melancholy lover

JAMY
a. A Scots captain
b. A fairy
c. A lost orphan

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